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Cavite records fastest economic growth in CALABARZON at 6.7% in 2025



Cavite posted the fastest economic growth among the provinces in the CALABARZON region in 2025, expanding by 6.7 percent, according to the latest Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). **► CAVITE RECORDS • 4**

PH youth organization obtains ASEAN support for programs in mangrove conservation



Mainstreaming marine conservation, with a focus on mangrove conservation, has been one of the primary advocacies of Philippine-based youth-led environmental organization Mangrove Matters PH. **► PH YOUTH • 5**

Cavite Career Caravan Opens Doors to Thousands of Jobs for Caviteños



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) led by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, Provincial PESO Manager, successfully conducted the Cavite Career Caravan on October 2, 2026, at SM City Rosario. **► CAVITE • 7**

RDRRMC Calabarzon steps up preparedness amid Super El Niño



The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Calabarzon has stepped up preparedness measures as the country braces for the potential worsening of El Niño conditions.

In an interview, RDRRMC Chairperson and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Calabarzon Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez said the council is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with local government units (LGUs) and government agencies to address emerging risks. **► RDRRMC • 5**

Peace Through Science & Technology DOST XII brings life-changing innovations closer to MNLF communities

Peace is more than the absence of conflict — it's the presence of real opportunities for healthy, productive, and dignified lives.



The Department of Science and Technology SOCCSKSARGEN (DOST XII) made this vision real during the Service Caravan in Maasim, Sarangani

Province. Held at the Municipal Gymnasium and organized by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) through

the MNLF Peace Process Office, the event marked National Peace Consciousness Month and the 30th Anniversary of the **► PEACE THROUGH • 4**

Local Products in Glo-cal Market: DOST and Lazada PH, Join Forces to Advance Digital Transformation of Local MSMEs

To strengthen the capabilities of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in e-commerce, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Lazada Philippines continue to expand their collaboration for the digital transformation of local businesses in the country. In the recently held TechnoPreSyensya Episode 16 on September 10, 2026, Mr. Justin N. Madrid, Science Research Specialist II of DOST Ilocos Region, discussed the "Expanding Digital Opportunities for MSMEs" initiative to establish concrete steps in introducing local products within and outside the country with the help of Lazada PH.

Mr. Madrid emphasized that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions is a comprehensive ecosystem aimed at helping DOST-assisted MSMEs become competitive. Through this collaboration, business owners receive free onboarding training, digital marketing knowledge, customer engagement, and supply chain management, as well as access to logistics and payment systems from Lazada. He explained that this initiative provides a fair opportunity for producers in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La

Union, and Pangasinan to reach customers in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao without going through large distributors in Metro Manila.

One of the key challenges discussed was the lack of "digital confidence" or the hesitation to enter online selling due to the lack of knowledge in using smartphones, computers, or running a digital store. Mr. Madrid clarified that it is not necessary to be tech-savvy right away before starting, as the most important thing is the willingness to learn. With the help of training from Lazada University, MSMEs will be taught from creating

seller accounts, taking good product photos, and writing clear product descriptions, up to processing orders and inventory.

In addition to training on using the platform, the DOST Ilocos Region also provides support in preparing products to be attractive online. Through various Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) interventions, the agency helps food and processed products with food safety, packaging and labeling, shelf-life testing, and laboratory analysis, while manufacturing and handicraft sectors are supported by equipment upgrading and process improvement. Mr. Madrid emphasized that since customers do not personally see the products, proper product presentation and packaging are crucial while on the road.

The agency also emphasized that having these documents should not be feared, but rather seen



as an opportunity to properly establish the business foundation, branding, and identity of the business. The agency is committed to guiding entrepreneurs and engaging with other government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to complete the necessary documents.

To ensure the sustainability or continued growth of the initiative, Mr. Madrid emphasized that the

success of the project is not measured by the number of online accounts engaged, but by the actual increase in sales and expansion of the business. Through continuous learning from customer feedback, improving pricing strategies, and increasing production capacity, local businesses in the region will gradually grow with the help of DOST's technical expertise and Lazada's infrastructure.

As a conclusion, Mr. Madrid left an important challenge and call to all business owners in the region to be bold in trying and not limit their market. The DOST Ilocos Region invites all MSMEs to visit the nearest Regional Office or Provincial Science and Technology Offices (PSTOs) to help them transition to the digital platform and jointly bring local products to the national and international market.

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DTI Laguna, OCCDO equip 22 start-ups, aspiring entrepreneurs, MSMEs in Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA CITY, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna), in partnership with the Office of the City Cooperative Development Officer (OCCDO), equipped 22 start-ups, aspiring entrepreneurs, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with practical knowledge on starting and developing a business through the seminar entitled "Turning Ideas into Enterprise: How to Start a Business cum Business Ideas" held recently, at the Barangay Hall of Barangay Sinalhan, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

The activity was organized to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem by equipping participants with practical knowledge on transforming innovative concepts into sustainable enterprises. The seminar focused on the critical stages of entrepreneurship — from developing ideas into viable business models to understanding business registration, compliance, and operational management.

Participants gained insights into identifying opportunities, refining business concepts, and accessing DTI programs that provide training, mentorship, and financial assistance. The seminar also provided participants with practical business



ideas and strategies to build enterprises that are resilient, competitive, and sustainable.

"Every idea has the potential to evolve into a thriving enterprise when supported by the right knowledge and institutional guidance," said Nicka Jean

D. Atayde, Negosyo Center Business Counselor of Santa Rosa City.

The activity highlighted the continuing partnership between DTI Laguna and OCCDO in supporting local entrepreneurs and advancing local economic development.

DTI reiterated its continued support for MSMEs through its programs, seminars, and services that provide entrepreneurs with resources to enhance their competitiveness, resilience, and long-term growth. **(NJDAtayde, DTI Laguna)**

OPAPRU...

(FROM PAGE 8)

During a media briefing on the Localized Peace Engagement and its Transformation Program in the province of Laguna on September 29, OPAPRU Communications and Public Affairs Services Director Darwin Wally Wee noted that peacebuilding requires more than addressing armed conflict and must also respond to the needs, concerns, and aspirations of communities.

"If you practice, strengthening of institutions, human rights, inclusive economic growth, walang nadedehado, lumalaban ng patas, any kind of ideologies will be dissolved or will not nurture if all of us practice

good governance. Yan talaga ang bottomline dyan because peace is everyone's responsibility" he stated.

Wee reiterates that when communities experience fair access to opportunities and services, and when no sector is left behind, conditions that may fuel grievances and conflict can be addressed through peaceful and democratic means.

The government's localized approach to peacebuilding emphasizes the important role local government units play in addressing community-level concerns and engaging stakeholders in resolving issues that may contribute to conflict.

Executive Order No. 70, which institutionalized the Whole-of-Nation Approach to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC), as part of the government's efforts to strengthen the participation of LGUs and bring interventions closer to communities.

Under the localized approach, Wee said mayors, governors, barangay officials, and other local stakeholders are not merely recipients of national government programs but are also important actors in peacebuilding and community transformation.

"We are characterized as peace negotiators, for peace agreements, but right now, peace negotiators are everyone's

responsibility, especially in the localized context," he said.

The OPAPRU director emphasized that values start from the household and liberties remain protected, and resorting to violence is not the way to pursue individual aspirations.

"You can be free in your rights and spirit, basta wag ka lang gumamit ng dahas

and respect your boundaries, those are the things that we need to put in sa bahay pa lang para paglabas nila they are shield with rights, with moral compass po very strong and let us not allow the social media dictates the way we think," Wee added.

Through localized peace efforts, OPAPRU continues to emphasize

the importance of bringing peacebuilding closer to communities and strengthening collaboration among national government agencies, LGUs, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders in creating conditions conducive to lasting peace and development. **(AM/PIA CALABARZON)**

CFO continues...

(FROM PAGE 8)

In an interview during the Philippine Information Agency's (PIA) radio program on September 29, Emigrant Services Officer Cleo Ann Cunan stated that CFO assists in registering and providing pre-departure orientation seminars to emigrants, or known as Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS), as well as Guidance Counselling Program to guide Filipinos migrating to other countries.

According to Cunan, the program provides counseling sessions for Filipinos with foreign partners who plan to move and reside permanently in another country, with the aim of preventing cases of exploitation and human trafficking through proper guidance, information, and support.

"Iba't ibang programs and services na mayroon ang CFO, more on orientation siya. Preparation ito sa pangingibang bansa at kung paano mag-a-adjust ang mga Pilipino sa ibang bansa."

She further added that the CFO implements these preventive measures as

cases of exploitation often occur under the guise of intermarriages, arranged marriages, or fixed marriages, while the agency verifies the authenticity of these relationships through interviews and seminars attended by Filipinos and their foreign partners to help ensure their safety and prevent them from becoming victims of exploitation.

Meanwhile, Allan Ducusin of the Migrant Integration and Education Division – Immigrant Services II of the CFO also highlighted the Community Education Program (CEP), a year-round initiative that conducts information drives in selected local governments across the country for Filipinos planning to migrate abroad for employment or work.

The Commission also partners with various local government units, schools, and colleges to conduct symposiums for teenagers and adults who are planning to migrate abroad, particularly those who may be following in their parents' footsteps in pursuing careers

overseas.

"Kadalasan kasi, may mga parents po ang mga teenagers na ito na OFWs, so sometimes, they follow their parents' footsteps. Pagka graduate, maghahanap ng trabaho, then abroad," Ducusin said.

He explained that the agency implements these measures to strengthen and streamline its systems, ensure a more efficient process, and safeguard the welfare of Filipinos even when they have decided to settle abroad, especially those who have foreign partners.

CFO explained that migrants mandatorily have to undergo PDOS, as the certificate issued upon completion is required for presentation to immigration officers before they leave the country.

He encouraged Filipinos to reach out to the CFO's 1343 Actionline for assistance if they encounter or suspect cases of exploitation or human trafficking, while other concerns may be referred to the appropriate government agencies for proper assistance and intervention. **(AKL,COP/PIA-CALABARZON)**

DOST-SETUP...

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Established in 2005, Tawsen Agri Ventures initially operated as a printing and packaging enterprise before expanding into food processing and developing products using locally sourced resources from Batanes.

In 2014, Tawsen availed itself of its first DOST-SETUP assistance, acquiring printing equipment that allowed the business to produce tarpaulins, product labels, and packaging materials for its processed food products.

Lim said the intervention improved the presentation and marketability of Tawsen's products, contributing to an estimated 200 to 300 percent increase in sales as the improved packaging coincided with the growth of tourism in Batanes.

The business also increased its workforce from three to five employees and eventually expanded into other ventures, including a hotel and restaurant.

Tawsen's product line grew to include locally produced wine, turmeric and ginger products, and wakay or sweet potato chips, creating additional market opportunities for agricultural products sourced from the province.

Building on the gains

from its first intervention, Tawsen availed itself of DOST-SETUP Phase 2 in 2019 to pursue a larger expansion.

Lim envisioned a two-storey facility that would integrate food production and tourism. The ground floor was planned as a production area where visitors could observe the processing of Tawsen products, while the second floor was intended as a museum and showcase for locally produced goods from Batanes.

The expansion, however, was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought tourism to a standstill. Tawsen later faced another setback when a fire damaged the business.

The successive challenges prevented the enterprise from fully realizing its Phase 2 plans, while its recovery in the tourism market has remained a continuing challenge.

Despite these setbacks, Lim said DOST continued to support the enterprise instead of leaving it to deal with the difficulties on its own. Assistance included flexibility in payment arrangements, giving Tawsen additional time to address its obligations while working toward recovery.

"All-out pa rin ang

support nila. Nagbibigay sila ng extension of payment. Hindi sila nagpabaya sa mga clients nila," Lim said.

For Lim, the experience highlighted another important aspect of DOST-SETUP: its role as a continuing partner of enterprises, particularly when businesses encounter circumstances beyond their control.

Tawsen Agri Ventures' experience illustrates the challenges faced by small enterprises in island communities, where tourism, market access, and other external conditions can significantly affect business operations. At the same time, its journey shows how technology upgrading and sustained institutional support can help enterprises build capacity and pursue recovery after major disruptions.

Despite the setbacks, Lim remains appreciative of the assistance that helped Tawsen improve its operations and develop new products using Batanes' local resources.

"SETUP has opened more opportunities for product development for us," he said.

For Tawsen Agri Ventures, the journey continues, with DOST-SETUP remaining a partner not only in business growth but also in rebuilding and moving forward after adversity.



Cavite records... (FROM PAGE 1)

The figure was presented during the Provincial Product Accounts Dissemination Forum held on October 6, 2026, at Elijah Hotel and Residences in the City of Dasmariñas, which brought together planning and development officers from various local government units, members of the Provincial Statistics Committee, representatives of national government agencies, private companies, and media partners.

The province's 2025 growth rate increased from 5.2 percent in 2024, with its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reaching an estimated PhP 875.67 billion, up from PhP 820.76 billion in 2024 and PhP 779.91 billion in 2023, at constant 2018 prices.

During the forum, Ms. Charito C. Armonia, Regional Director of the Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A (PSA-RSSO IV-A) CALABARZON, was present to lend her support to the dissemination of the latest

Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) results. Her presence underscored the PSA's commitment to strengthening the dissemination and use of reliable, timely, and relevant economic statistics as a basis for development planning and policy formulation across the region.

Meanwhile, Mr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, PhD, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), delivered a video message to the participants. In his message, he emphasized the importance of the PPA in providing stakeholders with comprehensive and reliable information on the economic performance of provinces. The data serve as an important reference for local government units, national government agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders in assessing economic trends, identifying development priorities, and formulating evidence-based plans and programs.

His message also

highlighted the value of collaboration among statistical agencies, local governments, and other stakeholders in ensuring that official statistics are effectively communicated, understood, and utilized in advancing local and regional development.

Ms. Raquel C. Ronario, Supervising Statistical Specialist and Officer-in-Charge of PSA-Cavite, presented the province's 2025 Economic Performance, highlighting the growth of various industries that contributed to the province's economic expansion.

Among the industries, human health and social work activities posted the highest growth at 15.5 percent. This was followed by public administration and defense; compulsory social security at 10.5 percent, and other services at 8.7 percent.

The PSA also reported that Cavite's per capita GDP reached PhP 181,561 in 2025, representing a 4.6-percent increase from the previous year.

Also featured during the forum were presentations on development plans and initiatives of participating agencies. Mr. Michael R.

Lavadia of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev) and Engr. EnP Lorna R. Leyran, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator presented their respective agencies' plans, programs, and development initiatives.

The dissemination

forum provided a venue for government planners, development stakeholders, private sector representatives, and media partners to gain a clearer understanding of Cavite's latest economic performance and use the data in planning, policy development, program

implementation, and investment-related initiatives.

The latest PPA figures underscore Cavite's continued economic expansion, with broad-based growth recorded across key sectors of the provincial economy. — **OPIO**

NCDA eyes... (FROM PAGE 8)

as an example of how public spaces can become more responsive to the diverse needs of persons with disabilities.

The facility, launched in January 2026 through the partnership of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and SM Supermalls, provides a designated environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities, including persons with autism spectrum disorder and other neurodivergent conditions.

Alava said such facilities recognize that accessibility goes beyond ramps, elevators and other physical infrastructure, as some PWDs may experience distress or sensory overload because of the environment around them.

"Maraming triggers po—'yung noise, 'yung

light, 'yung smell, 'yung sound," Alava said, pointing to common sensory stimuli that may become overwhelming, particularly in crowded public places.

The Sensory Lab at SM Mall of Asia features sensory modulation areas, therapeutic play tools and de-escalation spaces where users can safely decompress without having to leave the establishment.

Alava said the NCDA is also encouraging other public spaces, including churches and community facilities, to consider providing similar areas for persons who may need a quiet and safe environment when experiencing sensory overload.

"Sana malagyan din natin ang mga different [public spaces] para

kumalma ang ating mga person with disability," he said, emphasizing the importance of making inclusion part of the design and operation of community spaces.

The initiative supports a broader disability-inclusive approach in which persons with disabilities and their families can participate more comfortably in everyday activities. DSWD has likewise expressed plans to encourage sensory-friendly spaces in other high-traffic facilities such as airports, seaports and transport terminals.

For NCDA, expanding such facilities can help create communities where accessibility means not only physical access but also an environment that recognizes different sensory needs, allowing PWDs to participate in public life with greater dignity, safety and comfort. **(Cecille Maloles – PIA CALABARZON)**

Peace Through... (FROM PAGE 1)

1996 Final Peace Agreement between the Philippine Government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Through the DOST Provincial Science and Technology Office – Sarangani and General Santos City (PSTO-SarGen), the agency brought practical food technologies developed by the DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) directly to the people:

Iron-Fortified Rice – fighting iron deficiency and anemia

Enhanced Nutribun – nutritious bread packed with local vegetables

Brown Rice Nutty Fruity Bar – a ready-to-eat snack with brown rice, nuts, seeds, dried fruits & honey

Nutricookies – delicious, nutrient-rich cookies

A total of 602 MNLF beneficiaries availed of these technologies,

showing how science can improve everyday nutrition and well-being.

The event also spotlighted the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program – a pathway for organized MNLF communities to access technologies, capacity-building, and technical assistance tailored to their needs.

In Maasim alone, two organized ex-combatant groups are already thriving under CEST:

One group is advancing smart aquaculture through African catfish fingerling production, another is building a community-based enterprise producing footwear, bags, and clothing using modern technologies

These former combatants are now using Science and Technology not only to create sustainable livelihoods but also to uplift their entire

communities — proving that S&T can transform conflict-affected areas into productive, peaceful, self-reliant, and resilient ones.

OPAPRU recognized DOST XII's strong partnership by awarding a Plaque of Appreciation to Regional Director Dr. Sammy P. Malawan, RABE, represented by Supervising SRS For. Nabil A. Hadji Yassin.

From conflict to livelihood... from limited opportunities to productive enterprises... from dependence to empowerment. DOST XII continues to prove that Science, Technology, and Innovation are powerful partners in peace and development.

Through CEST and its ongoing collaboration with OPAPRU, DOST XII remains committed to making S&T accessible and relevant, turning local potential into lasting opportunities for sustainable, empowered, and resilient communities.

PGC Honors... (FROM PAGE 8)

10 years of service, 112 for 15 years, 52 for 20 years, 36 for 25 years, 29 for 30 years, 12 for 35 years, four for 40 years, and one employee for an impressive 45 years of service.

The ceremony highlighted the invaluable contributions of employees whose years of commitment, dedication, and professionalism have helped advance the programs and services of the provincial government.

Dir. Shiela G. Acuña, Assistant Regional Director – CSC Regional Office IV served as the resource speaker on behalf of Atty. Marites Lappay, Director IV- CSC Regional Office IV, sharing a message of appreciation and encouragement to the awardees and emphasizing the significance of sustained commitment to

government service.

Also present during the occasion were Gov. Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla and BM Maurito Sison, Chair – Committee on Personnel Affairs who joined the provincial government in honoring the employees and celebrating their respective service milestones.

The 2026 Loyalty Service Awards served as a tribute to the men and

women of the PGC who have remained steadfast in their commitment to public service, with their years of service reflecting a continuing dedication to fulfilling the government's mandate of serving the Caviteño people.

The celebration likewise underscored that every year spent in government service represents not only a milestone in an employee's career, but also a meaningful contribution to the province and its communities. — **OPIO**

Matthew 6:31–34 (NIV) "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

RDRRMC... (FROM PAGE 1)

"The RDRRMC and Office of Civil Defense Calabarzon remain committed to close coordination with stakeholders and timely action to address the impacts of El Niño," Alvarez said.

As part of its preparedness efforts, the OCD Calabarzon continues to disseminate advisories on potential hazards associated with the phenomenon, including water shortages, agricultural losses, heat-related illnesses, and fires.

The agency has also directed member-agencies and to monitor local conditions, conserve water, protect livelihoods, promote public health and safety, and strengthen fire prevention and response measures.

Alvarez likewise urged LGUs to take proactive steps as El Niño conditions could worsen in the coming months.

"LGUs are encouraged to activate and strengthen their El Niño Task Forces, review and update their

contingency plans, and ensure the availability of critical resources and appropriate response measures," he said.

Based on OCD data, four LGUs in the region have already declared a state of calamity due to the effects of El Niño. These are the municipalities of Alabat, Jomalig, General Nakar, and Guinayangan in Quezon Province. Guinayangan was placed under a state of calamity effective September 1 to October 31, 2026.

Meanwhile, a total of 191 farmers in Batangas, Cavite, and Quezon have

been reported affected by the phenomenon, with agricultural damages amounting to PHP 19,704,214.20.

The RDRRMC also urged households and communities to conserve water and use it responsibly, especially as water availability may be affected by El Niño.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has warned that extremely dry conditions are expected to persist until the first half of 2027 as El Niño intensifies. **(FC, PIA 4A)**

ASEAN Youth... (FROM PAGE 8)

challenges of governance and leadership,

"Our institutions may work in different spaces, but our aspirations converge: to develop leaders who both are capable and committed to public service."

Calimlim added that the Philippines is not spared from the problems its neighbors also face, such as climate change, digital transformation, and economic disruptions to name a few.

"We are eleven countries in ASEAN. Climate change, digital transformation, and even economic disruption do not stop here in the

Philippines, and neither should our collaboration."

With these challenges becoming a reality across borders, Calimlim urged that ASEAN members must work together to hone a new generation of capable and committed next generation of leaders.

A leadership development initiative of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), the BAGANI Rising Leaders Development Program aims to equip young Filipinos with the knowledge, competencies, and values needed in their work in public service and nation-building. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON)**

PH youth... (FROM PAGE 1)

The organization works to support coastal communities that depend on these forests for their livelihoods and well-being, as mangroves remain among the ecosystems most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis.

Recognizing the organization's efforts in championing mangrove conservation and restoration efforts, and for their communication, education, and public awareness activities, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) expressed its support for Mangrove Matters PH in advancing science communication and youth engagement.

One of its initiatives is the publication of Mangroves for YOUTH, a workbook designed for primary school students. The material features a beautifully crafted story set in the Philippines, along with sections and activities that help young learners understand the importance of mangroves, their unique features, and their vital role in protecting coastal communities and supporting biodiversity.

Mangroves for YOUTH was implemented through the third edition of the Conservation Action Fund, a subprogram of the ASEAN Youth Biodiversity Programme, with support from the ACB Small Grants Programme II.

For Leo Anthony Castro, Executive Director of Mangrove Matters PH, the support provided by ACB is

important in ensuring the meaningful inclusion of the youth sector and keeping biodiversity conservation efforts relevant in the digital age.

"As youth, we really have the power to be really creative and innovative in everything that we do including promoting ASEAN Heritage Parks in social media and digital media. As well as in educating our fellow youth namin about the importance of these heritage parks."

The triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss remains a global threat and poses significant risks to humanity. For the organization, this makes it even more important to recognize and support partners who empower young people and value their voices in environmental conservation.

"With intergenerational responsibility, because we as youth have the most at stake, we have the most to lose or gain from all the decisions and actions that are being made today; that's why we have to rise as active participants in creating the change we wish to see," he added.

As part of its efforts to engage policymakers, fellow youth organizations, and potential partners from the 11 ASEAN member states, Mangrove Matters PH participated in the ASEAN Heritage Parks Forum in

the Philippines, organized by the ACB.

The forum provided the organization an opportunity to share ideas on how young people can be more deeply immersed in biodiversity conservation and the protection of ASEAN Heritage Parks, while also learning from other participants and exploring ways to use technology in advancing conservation efforts.

"We were able to share our thoughts on immersion, kung paano natin puwedeng i-immers ang kabataan natin not just sa biodiversity and [ASEAN Heritage Parks], as well as better ways on how we can mobilize our youth," Parker Shane Manalaysay, Program Officer of Mangrove Matters PH, said.

Aside from producing information and educational materials, the organization regularly conducts campaigns focused on community youth engagement and science communication, while educating the public on the importance of coastal ecosystems. It also maintains partnerships with civil society organizations to advance nature-based solutions and engages in policy advocacy.

"Youth ang mag-i-inheriting mundo natin in the future. So it's very important for us, regardless of what we bring to the table, to be part of conservation to see kung ano ang mai-inherit namin in the future at kung ano ang matitira sa amin, kung ano ang mga actions

na ginagawa para sa future ng kabataan."

Dr. Jerome Montemayor, Executive Director of ACB, called on biodiversity warriors, including the youth, to protect and nurture what remains of the region's protected areas, which play an important role in protecting communities from extreme weather conditions.

"Protected areas are our last ecological frontiers—humanity's final stronghold against further planetary collapse. Our ASEAN Heritage Parks demands more urgent protection and stronger inter-agency and cross-border cooperation. This means, all of you, all of us, have a big responsibility and a unique role to play in the fight against climate change, to protect the Earth, and conserve it for future generations," Montemayor said.

In the Philippines, 311,400 hectares of mangroves are being preserved and protected. Despite the significant reduction in mangrove forest coverage, the country remains home to numerous mangrove sites that serve as havens for wildlife, act as carbon sinks, and provide natural barriers against flooding.

With these ecosystems facing increasing environmental pressures, continued support for mangrove conservation remains vital and relevant—not only for biodiversity, but also for the coastal communities and future generations that depend on them. **(CH/PIA-CALABARZON)**

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JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO a.k.a.
CHENG YA-LING, the PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY and the
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE,
Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified Petition has been filed in this Court, by the petitioner **Cheng, Yen-Pin a.k.a. Jerry Esguerra Go**, through his counsel **Atty. Zenen L. Sayarot**, praying that after due notice and hearing, judgement be issued as follows: ordering the judicial recognition of the divorce decree obtained by the petitioner and one **Julie Paragas Tolentino a.k.a. Cheng, Ya-Ling** at **Xinzhuang Household Registration Office**, New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C.; declaring that the marriage between the petitioner and respondent **Paragas** be deemed dissolved and with no force and effect in accordance with Article 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines; directing the Local Civil Registrar of the City of Imus, Cavite and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, to enter and annotate the said foreign divorce decree the Certificate of Marriage of the petitioner and respondent **Paragas**; and declaring that the petitioner and respondent **Paragas** now have the capacity remarry under Philippine Laws. The petition reads as follows:

PETITION

COMES NOW, Petitioner, through the undersigned counsel and to this Honorable Court, most respectfully states:

NATURE OF THE PETITION

This is a petition for judicial confirmation of a divorce decree issued by the authority of **Xinzhuang Household Registration Office**, New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C. in favor of petitioner, **CHENG, YEN-PIN** a.k.a. **JERRY ESGUERRA GO**, a citizen of Republic of China (Taiwan), in relation to his marriage with the respondent, **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING**, in pursuant to Sec. 48, Rule 39, of the Rules of Court and ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of Republic of the Philippines vs. Cipriano Orbenciso III (G.R. No. 154380 dated October 5, 2005) and to declare herein petitioner legally capacitated to remarry under Philippine Law pursuant to Art. 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines.

PARTIES TO THE CASE

1. Petitioner is of legal age, a citizen of Republic of China (Taiwan) as evidenced by his Passport bearing No. 360748577 issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China on September 5, 2022, an authenticated copy of which is herein attached and marked as Annex "A", and for purposes of this petition is with residence address at 352/046 Reyes Subdivision, Anabu II-A, City of Imus, Cavite where he may be served with summons and other legal processes of this Honorable Court as

evidenced by a Certificate issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Anabu II-A, herein attached and marked as Annex "B".

2. The private respondent **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING** is of legal age, a Filipino and is presently residing at 9F, No. 6, Ln. 803, Zhongzheng Rd., Neighborhood 13, Fumin Vil., Xinzhuang District, New Taipei City;

3. Public respondent, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), with head office address at PSA Complex, 174, Diliman, Quezon City is being impleaded for being the central repository of all civil registry documents;

4. Public respondent, Local Civil Registrar of the City of Imus, Cavite with known address at Upper Ground Floor, City Civil Registrar's Office, City Government of Imus, Malagasang 1-G, Imus City, Cavite, 4103 is also being impleaded for being the local repository of all civil registry in its locality and as the representative of the Civil Registrar General;

STATEMENT OF FACTS

5. Petitioner and **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING**, were married on April 10, 2000 in the Office of the Municipal Mayor, Imus, Cavite and said fact of marriage is evidenced by a copy of their Certificate of Marriage, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), herein attached and marked as Annex "C" to form an integral part of this petition;

6. That Petitioner went to Republic of China (Taiwan) on July 30, 1995 to be with his father, Cheng, Yi-Mei and to find work therein;

7. That it is also where he met **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING** and after a short courtship, they became a couple and they decided to go back to the Philippines after the birth of their only child to get married, which was held on April 10, 2000 as evidenced by their Certificate of Marriage (Annex "C"), after which they went back to Republic of China (Taiwan) to live there, the petitioner and respondent visiting the Philippines only from time to time after that;

8. That they named their son Cheng, Jun-Lung who was born on December 15, 1999, who at present, is already of legal age, unfortunately, petitioner's marriage to **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING** was marred by frequent quarrels and recurring arguments and despite utmost efforts, it was difficult for them to reconcile their differences and to continue with their marriage;

9. For said reason, Petitioner and private respondent sought for the dissolution of their marriage on June 18, 2024 by "Mutual Consent" and this is evidenced by an authenticated copy of the "Mutual Consent Divorce Agreement", herein attached and marked as Annex "D" and "Divorce Registration Application Form" herein attached and marked as Annex "E" together with its respective translation;

10. It is worthy to mention that it is expressly stated in the "Mutual Consent Divorce Agreement", particularly paragraph number 1 thereof, that:

"Once divorce registration is completed, the marital relationship is dissolved. Thereafter, each party's remarriage is independent and unrelated."

11. That the authenticated Certificate of Divorce and its translation in English is also herein attached and marked as Annex "F" to form an integral part of this petition;

12. That the divorce decree obtained by petitioner and private respondent is based on the Taiwan Civil Code particularly Article 1050 thereof, the extract of the authenticated copy of which is herein attached and marked as Annex "G" together with its English translation and subject Article provides that:

"Divorce by mutual consent shall be effected in writing which requires the signatures of at least two witnesses, and by the divorce registration at the household administration authority."

13. In view of this, the Family Code of the Philippines likewise recognizes the right of a Filipino spouse to remarry under Philippine Law when the foreign spouse validly obtained a divorce abroad which capacitates him to remarry under the said foreign law,

thus:

"Article 26. All marriages solemnized outside of the Philippines, in accordance with the laws in force in the country where they were solemnized, and valid there as such shall also be valid in this country. Except those prohibited under Articles 35 (1), (4), (5) and (6), 36, 37, and 38. (71a)

Where a marriage between a Filipino citizen and a foreigner is validly celebrated and a divorce is thereafter validly obtained abroad by the alien spouse capacitating him or her to remarry, the Filipino spouse shall have capacity to remarry under Philippine Law." (As amended by Executive Order 227)"

14. In this petition, petitioner and respondent obtained a valid divorce decree through divorce by Mutual Consent in the Republic of China (Taiwan). Thus, the divorce that they obtained at their instance and the registration of such divorce decree at Xinzhuang Household Registration Office, New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C. and their Household Registration Record, particularly that of the petitioner, an authenticated copy of which together with its translation, is herein attached and marked as Annex "H", in accordance with the Law of the Republic of China (Taiwan) effectively rendered their marriage validly terminated;

15. Upon the other hand, the PSA Memorandum Circular No. 2007-008 on the subject: "Guidelines in the Annotation of Civil Registry Documents Involving Foreign Judgements/Order" requires that judgement/order rendered by foreign courts must be passed upon and/or judicially confirmed by Philippine Courts to prove its validity. Thus, the necessity of filing a petition before the Regional Trial Courts in the Philippines before such decree of divorce can be registered in the Local Civil Registry Office of the City or Municipality where the affected civil registry documents of marriage is registered;

16. The petitioner shall be testifying in order to prove the celebration of their marriage, the divorce decree they obtained at Republic of China (Taiwan), his nationality at the time of divorce, the particular provision of law upon which the divorce was based and all the other material allegations in this petition and in the course of the proceedings shall be identifying documents attached herein and marked as Annex "A" to "H";

17. The foregoing facts and provisions of law entitles the petitioner to file this instant petition in order that he can register the Divorce Decree they have obtained in the Republic of China (Taiwan) with the Philippine Statistics Authority in Quezon City and the Local Civil Registrar in the City of Imus, Cavite, where their marriage contract is registered and in pursuant to the ruling of the Supreme Court in Gerbert R. Corpuz vs. Daisylyn Tirol Sto. Tomas (G.R. No. 186571 dated August 11, 2010).

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, It is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court, that after due notice and hearing, that judgement be issued:

a. Ordering the judicial recognition of the divorce decree obtained by **CHENG, YEN-PIN** a.k.a. **JERRY ESGUERRA GO** and **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING** at Xinzhuang Household Registration Office, New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C.;

b. Declaring that petitioner's marriage with private respondent is deemed dissolved and treated to have no force and effect in accordance with Article 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines;

c. Directing the Local Civil Registrar of the City of Imus, Cavite and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, to enter and annotate the said foreign divorce decree in the Certificate of Marriage of the petitioner and **JULIE PARAGAS TOLENTINO** a.k.a. **CHENG, YA-LING**; and

d. Declaring that petitioner and private respondent now has the capacity to remarry under Philippine Laws.

Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises, are likewise being prayed

Imus City, Cavite. August 1, 2026.

(Sgd.) **ZENEN L. SAYAROT**
Counsel for the Petitioner

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IBP OR No. 562342-12-2-2025
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Roll No. 48325
MCLE Compliance No. VIII-0021203-2/07/2025

VERIFICATION WITH CERTIFICATION
IN COMPLIANCE WITH CIRCULAR 04-94

I, **JERRY ESGUERRA GO/CHENG, YEN-PIN**, of legal age, Citizen of Republic of China, single and presently residing at 352/046 Reyes Subd., Anabu II-A, City of Imus, Cavite, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law hereby depose and say;

That I am the petitioner in the above-entitled case;

That I have caused the preparation of the foregoing petition;

That I have read the contents thereof and the allegations therein contained are true and correct of my own personal knowledge;

That in compliance with Supreme Court Administrative Circular No. 04-94 I do hereby certify:

That I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, The Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency;

That to the best of my knowledge, no such action or proceeding is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency;

That if should thereafter learn that there is a similar action before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency, then, I undertake to report that fact to this Honorable Court within five (5) days from my knowledge of the same.

(Sgd.) **JERRY ESGUERRA GO/CHENG, YEN-PIN**
Affiant
Passport No. 360748577
Expiring on September 05, 2032

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st Day of August 2026 at Imus City, Cavite affiant exhibited to me his Passport No. 360748577 above-indicated as proof of his identity as defined by the Notarial Rules as the same person who signed this document in my presence and taken an oath before me as to such document. Witness my hand and seal on the date and place first above-written.

(Sgd.) **ZENEN L. SAYAROT**
Notary Public-Until December 31, 2027
For the City of Imus & Mun. of Kawit, Province of Cavite
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Series of 2026.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on **January 6, 2027 at 8:30 in the morning**. Any interested parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the Petition on the Local Civil Registrar (LCR) of Imus City, Cavite, on Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and on the Office of the City Prosecutor of Imus Cavite. The LCR and the OSG are hereby directed to submit its comment, if there is any, before the scheduled date of hearing.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general publication, as may be chosen by raffle.

SO ORDERED.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Fourth Judicial Region
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Carmona, Cavite
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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.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner, through counsel, for the issuance of another owner's duplicate copy of **Transfer**

Imus City, Cavite, September 25, 2026.

(Sgd.) **LEA D. LLAVORE**
Presiding Judge

Copy Furnished:

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Imus City, Cavite

Office of the Clerk of Court
RTC Imus City, Cavite

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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.

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

Copy Furnished:

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Cavite... (FROM PAGE 1)

The event brought together 55 participating companies offering a combined 11,573 vacancies, giving jobseekers access to diverse employment opportunities. Participating national government agencies (NGAs) likewise provided complementary services and assistance, making the caravan a meaningful convergence of employment and public service.

Thirty – four (34) applicants were hired on the spot and 99 others nearly hired, bringing them closer to securing employment.

More than matching people with jobs, the career caravan demonstrated the PGC's continuing commitment to bringing employment opportunities closer to Caviteños and strengthening partnerships with employers and government agencies.

Through the OPPEM, the Provincial Government of Cavite remains committed to creating accessible employment opportunities and empowering Caviteños to take the next step toward productive and sustainable careers. —**OPIO**

OPAPRU stresses good governance, community engagement in peace building



The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) emphasized the importance of good governance and meaningful community engagement in building sustainable peace and responding to the aspirations of local communities. ► OPAPRU • 3

CFO continues to provide counselling programs, ensuring safety of Filipinos migrating abroad



To promote safe migration and ensure accurate migration data, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) reiterated its programs for Filipinos leaving the country to settle permanently abroad, which prepare prospective migrants for their rights, responsibilities, and obligations in their destination countries. ► CFO CONTINUES • 3

PGC Honors 325 Employees in 2026 Loyalty Service Awards

A total of 325 employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) were recognized for their years of dedicated and loyal service during the 2026 Loyalty Service Awards held recently, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.



The recognition formed part of the province's Employees Month Celebration, honoring government workers who have devoted significant milestones of their careers to public service and to the people of Cavite.

Of the 325 awardees, 79 employees were recognized for ► PGC HONORS • 4

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DOST-SETUP Support Helps Tawsen Agri Ventures Navigate Growth, Crisis and Recovery

DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (DOST-SETUP) has helped Tawsen Agri Ventures improve its products, expand its operations, and navigate major setbacks brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and a fire that disrupted its planned expansion.

For owner Dennis I. Lim, the program's support went beyond the provision of equipment, extending to continued assistance as the business worked through financial and operational difficulties.

► DOST-SETUP • 3



ASEAN Youth backs DAP's Rising Leaders Development Program

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) called for stronger collaboration to prepare the youth in addressing shared regional issues.

Lee Troy Calimlim, Country Director for the ASEAN Youth Organization Philippines, made the call during the launch of the AGOS cohort for its BAGANI Rising Leaders Development Program which welcomed around 100 youth leaders from various sectors.

Calimlim pledged the ASEAN's support to the Rising Leaders Development Program which was designed to hone a generation of leaders who have long overcome the moral ► ASEAN YOUTH • 5



NCDA eyes more sensory-friendly spaces for PWDs

Persons with disabilities may soon find more spaces where they can pause, regulate and recover from sensory overload as the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) pushes for wider adoption of sensory-friendly facilities in public spaces.

NCDA spokesperson Atty. Walter Jason Alava discussed the initiative during the Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program held recently, citing the pilot Sensory Lab or Calming Corner at SM Mall of Asia ► NCDA EYES • 4

