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We are deeply honored by Senator Bam Aquino's visit to our province who brought fun stories and meaningful discussions. To those who have been part of this day, my fellow public servants and private agencies, my deepest gratitude. #MulaSaBayanParaSaBayan

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Cavite marks 47th Disability Rights Week with call for innovation and inclusion

Nearly 400 participants from various local government units in Cavite gathered at the CarSiGMA Gymnasium in the City of Carmona on August 14-15, 2025, to celebrate the 47th Disability Rights Week with the theme "Innovation for Inclusion: Building Inclusive Communities Together."

The two-day event was hosted by the City Government of Carmona through the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) headed by Ms. Rosebelle L. Mercurio. It opened with a motorcade followed by a welcome message from Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines, Jr. and an inspirational address from Mayor Dahlia A. Loyola, who is recognized as a champion of PWD empowerment. Mayor Loyola underscored the importance of providing equal opportunities and inclusive services to PWDs, ensuring that "no one is left behind."

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On August 15, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted a medical and dental mission in Brgy. Hukay, Silang.

A total of 299 residents availed themselves of free services including medical check-ups, dental consultations and extractions, ECGs, and X-

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DOST Region 1 Drives Transformative Action and Collaboration through DOST-SEI's STAR Twinning Project

At the heart of its mission, the Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST Region 1) once again proved that collaboration leads to transformative action, as Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST Region 1 Director, graced the opening of the Twinning Project Camp of the Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) through the Science Teachers Academy for the Regions (STAR), in collaboration with Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) and Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC).



In her opening message, Dr. Tabaog highlighted how educators, particularly teachers, play a key role in bridging gaps in comprehension toward building an inclusive, resilient, and science-driven nation. She fur-

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DOST 2 Powers Cauayan City's Driver for Green Mobility and Smart Solutions

Cauayan City took a significant leap toward becoming a model smart and sustainable community as the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) spearheaded collaborative efforts with SEERMO and the Electromobility Research and Development Center (EMRDC). The initiative, anchored on the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program, brought together technology innovators, city officials, and science leaders to lay the groundwork for transformative urban mobility and digital solutions.



In a series of exploratory meetings, the founder of SEERMO—a mobile and video-based AI platform that enables 10x faster urban planning data collection and analysis—and DOST Balik Scientist Dr. Syrus Gomari, together with co-founder Mr. Tim Vargas, presented a 2025–2028 development plan designed

to shift Cauayan City's transport system from car-centric to people-centric. Powered by artificial intelligence, the plan aimed to promote sustainable mobility planning and harness science, technology, and innovation to build smarter, greener cities.

The EMRDC complemented the discussion by

unveiling its electric vehicle roadmap, emphasizing the commercialization of Electric Tricycle (E-Trike) and Converted Tricycle (C-Trike) technologies—both seen as vital in reducing carbon emissions and promoting clean transport alternatives.

As part of the pilot implementation, Mayor Caesar S. Dy Jr. targeted



20 units of tricycles to be converted to C-Trikes for initial deployment within the city, with operations anticipated to commence before the conduct of iSCENE 2026. These units will form the city's initial fleet and highlight its partnership with ACT Machineries and Metal Craft Corporations, Local Industry Adopter of Electric Vehicles developed by EMRDC.

Alongside these mobility initiatives, the Digital Business Locator (DBL) and ODeSSEE projects advanced into their data-gathering phase. The project team oriented the department heads of LGU Cauayan to secure essential data sets needed for implementation, setting the stage for improved business mapping and smart city services.

DOST's strong participation underscored the importance of science and technology in creating future-ready communities. By fostering collaborations that integrate innovative transportation systems, digital solutions, and sustainable planning, Cauayan City has strengthened its position as a Philippine leader in smart and green development.

DILG Reaffirms Commitment to Flood Risk Reduction; 57.1K ISFs Resettled Under MBCRPP

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) reaffirmed its commitment to flood risk reduction, highlighting the resettlement of 57,134 informal settler families (ISFs) from high-risk zones under the Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program (MBCRPP). These ISFs, previously living along waterways and easement areas vulnerable to typhoons and monsoons, were relocated to government-owned housing units to improve their safety and resilience.

Aligned with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s recent directive to intensify efforts in addressing persistent flooding across the country, the DILG emphasized that the MBCRPP is a vital strategy to protect lives, livelihoods, and property, particularly within the Manila Bay Watershed.

Through MBCRPP, the DILG works with other national agencies and local government units (LGUs) to protect lives, livelihoods, and properties in vulnerable areas across the Manila Bay Watershed. Under the program's LGU Compliance Assessment, the DILG monitors 187 cities and municipalities across Regions III, IV-A, and

NCR for adherence to environmental laws and national policies that support Manila Bay rehabilitation.

Flood risk reduction—particularly for ISFs—remains a key priority. Based on latest DILG data, 23.93% of the 238,747 identified ISFs have been relocated. NCR leads in relocation success with 36.56% of its ISFs resettled, followed by Region IV-A (21.06%).

Thr DILG said 61 LGUs have completed socialized housing projects (SHPs), 52 SHPs are under construction, and 90 are in the proposal stage.

Meanwhile, 182 LGUs have established a Local Housing Board (LHB), 133

have an approved Local Shelter Plan (LSP), and 46 have SHPs backed by a Resettlement and Relocation Action Plan (RRAP).

To sustain progress, a stakeholder orientation was conducted last March, focusing on strategies to safeguard cleared areas, prevent ISF re-occupation, and promote humane, inclusive engagement.

The DILG calls on all LGUs within the Manila Bay Watershed to accelerate resettlement programs and ensure the sustainability and people-centered focus of Manila Bay's rehabilitation, in line with President Marcos' call for long-term flood solutions.

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Put out the welcome mat for GCF

If the government has not done so already, the Philippines should submit an application to host a regional office of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The presence of a GCF regional office here would not only provide the multilateral organization with an excellent and well-prepared location from which to carry out its expanding work, it would have a number of direct benefits for the Philippines as well.

Most people probably have not heard of the Green Climate Fund, because despite being in business for almost 15 years, it has only been within the past year or two that the institution has ramped up its efforts to raise its public profile. Given the scale of GCF's portfolio and reach, it certainly should be doing that, and the GCF board's recent decision to expand its network of offices is part of that effort, as well as aiming "to drive significantly more impact by being in much closer proximity to its developing country partners and stakeholders," according to its statement announcing the move.

GCF was established following the 16th Conference of Parties (COP16) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Cancun, Mexico, in 2010. As is typical of these types of big international initiatives, it took several years for the organization to pull itself together and find its footing. In 2013, GCF established a permanent headquarters in Songdo, South Korea, but it was not until 2015 that the institution truly stepped into the spotlight, as a ready-made vehicle for the new, ambitious climate adaptation and mitigation financing goals under the Paris Agreement.

According to the GCF website, it currently manages a portfolio of \$18 billion in funds for climate finance and has a hand in 314 projects across 133 developing countries. As GCF's primary modus operandi is to partner with other funding institutions and sources (more than 150 of them), the total volume of funded projects with the cofinancing included is actually close to \$66.5 billion.

Just a couple of local examples of projects supported by GCF include the \$10-million Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Forecasting and Early Warning System for the Philippines in partnership with the Land Bank of the Philippines, and the \$26.27-million Adapting Philippine Agriculture to Climate Change project in partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. The Philippines is also among the beneficiaries of several larger regional and global projects supported by GCF with other funding partners, including the Asian Development Bank, the Korean Development Bank, and private-sector banks and fund



managers. These projects cover areas such as coral reef protection and rehabilitation, sustainable land use, climate-related entrepreneurship and energy transition.

One knock against the GCF, particularly from within the development finance sector, is that its centralized operations slow progress on putting together and implementing projects, and so to improve its responsiveness and efficiency, GCF has decided to spread its network.

According to its recent announcement, interested countries may apply to host a regional office or outpost until Sept. 19. Metro Manila meets the basic eligibility requirements given, and should be offered by the government as a GCF regional office location.

There is, in fact, no good reason why GCF should decline the offer, as our capital offers many advantages. The Philippines is ideally located to connect with both the Southeast Asian and Pacific regions, two areas of priority for GCF as well as other develop-

ment finance institutions. The Philippines was also recently selected as the headquarters for the new Climate Loss and Damage Fund, hosts the regional headquarters of the World Health Organization, and of course, is the home of the Asian Development Bank, which is rapidly becoming GCF's most important partner institution. And, as one of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries, the Philippines can serve as an excellent showcase of sorts of the kind of work GCF supports.

As we noted at the outset, the relevant authorities in the government may already be aware of this and take action to submit an application. However, our attempts to find out if this is the case have not been successful so far, and the silence on the subject — compared with the intense public lobbying by the government about its aspiration to host the Loss and Damage Fund — suggests not. The government should act quickly to catch up before the application deadline.

Sipon at Ubo

Ang common cold o sipon ay isang viral na impeksyon sa pang itaas na bahagi ng respiratory tract, sa ilong at lalamunan.

Kadalasan ito ay hindi naman nakasasama. Ang palatandaan nito ay sipon, masakit na lalamunan at ubo at kung minsan naman nagluluhang mata, pagbahing at baradong ilong.

Karamihan sa matatanda nararanasan ang sipon ng 2 hanggang 4 na beses kada taon, Sa kabataan naman lalo sa mga preschoolers nagkakaroon sila ng colds 6 hanggang 10 beses sa 1 taon.

Tips para guminhawa ang iyong pakiramdam:
1. Uminom ng maraming tubig at likido - Magandang uminom ng tubig, juice at tsaa. Dahil nakatutulong ito na palitan ang mga nawalang tubig sa katawan habang nabubuo ang sipon o may lagnat. Iwasan ang uminom ng kape dahil nagdudulot ito ng dehydration. Ang paninigarilyo naman ay nakapagpapalala ng sintomas.

2. Humigop ng sabaw ng manok (chicken soup) - Nakatutulong ang pag-higop ng sabaw sa mga taong may sakit. Ayon sa mga eksperto napagiginhawa nito ang iyong pakiramdam sa dalawang paraan: (1) Una, ito ay anti-inflammatory at nakababawas ng produksyon ng sipon at plema sa iyong respiratory tract; (2) Pangalawa, pansamantalang pinabibilis nito ang galaw ng sipon papunta sa ilong, para makatulong guminhawa sa baradong ilong at bawasan ang pagdami ng virus na dumidikit sa paligid ng ilong.

3. Magpahinga - Kung kinakailangan, manatili na

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muna sa bahay at huwag muna pumasok sa trabaho kung mayroong lagnat, matinding ubo, o pagkahilo. Ang pahinga ay mahalaga para mas mapadali ang pag-galing.

4. Gawin komportable ang kuwarto - Gawing maaliwalas o hindi mainit sa pakiramdam ang kuwarto, maaring bumili ng aircon kung kinakailangan. Linisin ng madalas ang aircon para maiwasan ang pagdami ng bacteria at amag.

5. Paginhawahin ang lalamunan - Magmumog ng maligamgam na tubig na may halong asin sa umaga. Uminom ng maligamgam na lemon na may halong honey, dahil ito ay nakatutulong na mapaginhawa ang sakit ng lalamunan pati na rin ang ubo.

6. Gumamit ng pang-patak sa ilong (nasal spray) - Ang saline spray sa ilong ay epektibo, ligtas gamitin at hindi naka-i-irita. Puwede din gamitin sa bata, para guminhawa ang baradong ilong.

7. Uminom ng Vitamin C tablet - Posible na magkaroon ng epekto ang pag-inom ng vitamin C na mabawasan ang tagal ng sintomas ng iyong sipon.

Kadalasan ang sipon ay tumatagal lamang ng 1 hanggang 2 linggo. Kung ang sintomas ng sipon ay lumala, komunsulta sa iyong doktor.

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In her welcome message, DOST-CALABARZON Regional Director Emelita T. Bagsit underscored the importance of collective action, saying, "This is a call not only to dream of a better future but to roll up our sleeves and build it together."

Antipolo City Vice Mayor Ranady Puno highlighted the role of STI in addressing pressing challenges such as climate change and environmental protection, affirming the city's commitment to collaborate with the science community in developing meaningful and responsive solutions.

DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. expressed gratitude to DOST-CALABARZON, the City Government of

Antipolo, and the Provincial Government of Rizal for their support in advancing STI in the region. He emphasized that a smart city is defined not merely by technology but by how it listens and responds to its people. He also reminded that sustainability starts with small but meaningful actions, such as a child learning to grow food in a recycled bottle. "Whatever we do—in governance, education, business, or science—we should lead with purpose, grounded in what our communities really need," he said.

A highlight of the opening program was the launch of the 56th Innovation Hub (iHub) in the country at the University of Rizal System (URS) –

Antipolo Campus. Established through DOST-CALABARZON, the iHub aims to become a center for creativity, industry collaboration, and research in the province. Alongside this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed for the Regional Design and Creativity Hub for Innovation in MSMEs and Education (RDCHIME), which will offer training and prototyping opportunities in animation, 3D modeling, product packaging, industrial processes, automation, and digital arts. The hub is envisioned to bridge industry needs with academic expertise, positioning PSTO Rizal as a key driver of innovation in the region.

Another milestone was the launch of the 19th 21st Century Learning Environment Model (21st CLEM) at the Antipolo City National



Science and Technology High School, in partnership with the Department of Education and the Antipolo LGU. The facility is a future-ready classroom equipped with robotics, 3D printing, augmented/virtual reality, and DOST-developed

digital courseware—designed to enhance STEM education and foster critical 21st-century skills among students.

Through exhibits, fora, and interactive activities, this year's RSTW serves as a platform for collaboration among gov-

ernment, academe, industry, and communities. It highlights that building smart and sustainable communities is not only a vision but an achievable reality when anchored on science, technology, and innovation. **(Nelson Santos)**

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guidelines, equipping participants with the skills to ensure compliance, strengthen financial transparency, and uphold accountability in government service.

On August 7–8, our Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services, together with four Provincial Directors, attended the Work Analysis Seminar-Workshop at City Garden Suites, Manila. The activity focused on analyzing job roles and workflows to improve organizational efficiency, performance,

and service delivery.

Meanwhile, nine of our Science Research Specialists joined the DOST Digital Transformation Training on Project Management and Risk Management on August 7–8 at Philippine Women's College, Davao City. The training enhanced their competencies in project planning, execution, and risk assessment—equipping them with tools and strategies to ensure the successful implementation of projects across various fields.

Also, on August 6–8, one of our Project Tech-

nical Assistants participated in the Training-Workshop on Data Storytelling at Vivere Hotel, Muntinlupa City. This training honed skills in transforming complex scientific data into compelling and accessible narratives, helping effectively communicate the benefits of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) to the public.

Through these capacity-building initiatives, our team continues to grow stronger in both skill and purpose—ever more prepared to serve our stakeholders with excellence. For to whom much is entrusted, much is also expected.

SEAL-BETA Project in Rizal Province to Empower Micro Entrepreneurs

ANTIPOLO CITY, RIZAL | The DTI Rizal through the Philippine Trade Training Center – Global MSME Academy (PTTC-GMEA), in partnership with BPI Foundation and BPI Direct Banko, proudly brings the SEAL-BETA Project (Small Enterprise Acceleration Lab – Business Expansion thru Training & Application) to the Province of Rizal on August 5–8, 2025 at the Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City.



The SEAL-BETA Project is an integrated training program designed to assist micro enterprises that have been affected by the pandemic and natural disasters. This initiative aims to help entrepreneurs build resilience, recover, and thrive in today's competitive market.

Through SEAL-BETA, participants will gain access to:

- * Business training and mentoring to strengthen operations,
- * Financing opportunities to support expansion,

- * Product roadshows to boost market reach, and
- * Grassroots support and networking to build stronger business communities.

A highlight of the event was the successful mini trade fair held at Sumulong Park, Antipolo City. The trade fair provided a platform for local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to showcase their products and connect with potential buyers and partners, further boosting local entrepreneurship.

Over four days, par-

ticipants engaged in workshops, networking sessions, and business pitch competitions, gaining valuable insights and opportunities for growth.

The event not only highlighted Rizal's vibrant business community but also reinforced its role as a hub for innovation and development.

The success of SEAL BETA 2025, including the mini trade fair, paves the way for more initiatives aimed at empowering entrepreneurs and strengthening the local economy.



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vation efforts and have demonstrated meaningful participation in its green programs. MPCALA earned this recognition for its outstanding commitment to foster a culture of conservation and environmental awareness in the areas it serves through programs like clean-up drives, various tree planting activities, and its active participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup.

The second award presented to MPCALA was the Earth Hour Advocate Award, recognizing its utmost support in the global Earth Hour movement, encouraging communities and industries along the expressway corridor to participate in the global movement to switch off non-essential lights, underscoring the importance of energy conservation in mitigating the effects of climate change.

In addition to these, MPCALA continues to advance sustainable and eco-friendly practices in infrastructure development, living up to its vision of being a green expressway.

Its design integrates renewable energy technologies and nature-inspired features that not only reduce its carbon footprint but also provide a more pleasant driving

experience.

"These recognitions are more than just honors; they are responsibilities that we embrace wholeheartedly. These awards affirm the direction we've taken in ensuring that our expressways are built with the environment and the communities in mind. It fuels our motivation to further expand our sustainability efforts, to craft even more impactful programs that care for the environment while uplifting lives," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPCALA Holdings Inc.

"We recognize everyone's vital contributions through the Gearing towards Robust, Engaging, and Eco-friendly Nature or "GREEN" Awards, spearheaded by our CENRO. These awards are not just accolades; they are a celebration of your commitment to sustainable development. As we mark the 21st year of Santa Rosa as a city, and the 14th anniversary of the enactment of our environment code, we also embrace this year's green awards theme: Ending plastic pollution: #beatplasticpollution. Plastic pollution remains one of the most pressing environmental challenges

of our time. It threatens not only our ecosystem, but also our health and future generations. As a city that values innovation and responsibility, we must lead by example, in reducing plastic waste through policy, practice, and personal action. Environmental protection is not a responsibility of a few. It is a shared duty. Every act of conservation, every step away from single-use plastics is a step towards a greener and healthier future," said Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas, City Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, Laguna.

The awards received by MPCALA Holdings Inc. reflect its continued efforts to promote sustainability not only within its expressway but also in the communities it serves.

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grate Industry-Based Learning (IBL) at the core of BatStateU's engineering and technology programs. It aims to bridge the country's widening skills gap and produce future-ready graduates equipped to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global economy.

"This is a strategic engine for innovation in talent development," said Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, President of BatStateU The NEU. "By situating the campus within a thriving industrial hub, we ensure that our students gain not only academic knowledge but also the practical, future-ready skills needed to lead in an increasingly dynamic industry."

Situated within the 1000-hectare LIMA Estate in Lipa and Malvar, Batangas — one of the country's most industrialized regions—the new campus places students in direct proximity to over 185 local and global industry leaders across dynamic manufacturing, technology, and business ecosystems. Its location within major economic zones and industrial clusters allows education to align in real-time with the industries that power national growth.

"It is a collaboration that delivers an impact on everyone, creating opportunities for students, driving innovation for businesses, strengthening investor confidence, and fueling regional growth," shared Mr. Rafael Fernandez De Mesa, President and CEO of Aboitiz Land, Inc. and Head of Aboitiz InfraCapital Economic Estates. "So together with Batangas State Uni-

versity, we're not only building careers, we're shaping a workforce that will help create a stronger and more competitive economy," he added.

Scheduled to begin operations in AY 2026-2027, the new campus will feature state-of-the-art engineering laboratories, modern classrooms, and collaborative learning spaces, all integrated into a green and future-ready campus design. Incorporating renewable energy systems, sustainable building materials, and digital-ready infrastructure, the campus reflects BatStateU's commitment to environmental stewardship and 21st-century education.

Aboitiz InfraCapital Economic Estates is Asia's leading developer and operator of smart, sustainable industrial-anchored townships, with a 2,000-hectare footprint, 250 locators, and 100,000 jobs generated across Southern Luzon and Central Visayas, and expansions into Central Luzon. Its portfolio includes the 1,000-hectare LIMA Estate in Batangas, 63-hectare Mactan Economic Zone 2 Estate in Cebu, 540-hectare West Cebu Estate in Balamban, and 384-hectare TARI Estate in Tarlac. Supported by AboitizPower, Aboitiz Construction, and other Aboitiz businesses, these multi-awarded estates offer a complete ecosystem of infrastructure and services.

Through this landmark partnership, the new campus within the LIMA Estate is set to redefine how the Philippines nurtures engineering and technology talent—

where education is immersed in real industry settings, innovation thrives, and learning fuels national progress.

Batangas State University (BatStateU), the Philippines' National Engineering University under Republic Act No. 11694, is the country's largest engineering institution and a recognized leader in engineering and technology education. It is the first state university with programs in BS Chemical Engineering, BS Civil Engineering, BS Computer Engineering, BS Electrical Engineering, BS Electronics Engineering, BS Industrial Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering, and BS Sanitary Engineering accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), <https://www.abet.org> under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Engineering and Philippine Technological Council's Accreditation and Certification Board for Engineering and Technology (PTC-ACBET). Moreover, BatStateU Alangilan's BS Computer Science Program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Computer Science and Similarly Named Computing Programs. Similarly, BatStateU Alangilan's BS Information Technology Program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org> under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Information Technology and Similarly Named Computing Programs. Globally recognized for its innovation and sustainability initiatives, BatStateU ranks 401–600 in the 2025 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 111th in the 2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), and 304th in the 2024 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings. The University remains committed to advancing transformative, industry-aligned education that produces globally competitive graduates and drives national development.



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ther emphasized that the academic partnership forged between DOST-SEI, ISPSC, and MMSU will drive innovation and strengthen institutions by empower-

ing and equipping teachers, especially those in science and mathematics.

The DOST-SEI, through the STAR Twinning Project, aims to

support the professional growth of science and mathematics faculty members of selected Teacher Education Institutes through a three-year program consisting of capacity-building activities in instruction, research, and extension services.

As DOST Region 1 commits to hold the importance of collaboration and transformative action for the benefit of the people, it continues to support partnerships that drive innovation, empower educators, and build a science-driven future.



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The first day featured exciting competitions that showcased the talents, knowledge, and spirit of inclusivity among PWDs. The Dance Competition highlighted the celebration with the City of Carmona winning the championship and receiving P25,000, gold medals, a trophy, and tokens. The City of Dasmariñas placed first runner-up with P20,000, silver medals, a trophy, and tokens, while Trece Martires City finished second runner-up with P15,000, bronze medals, a trophy, and tokens. Non-winning participants were each awarded

P5,000 and tokens.

The Disability Knowledge Bowl Tournament (Quiz Bee) crowned General Trias as champion with P10,000, gold medals, and tokens. Cavite City won first runner-up with P7,000, silver medals, and tokens, while the City of Dasmariñas placed second runner-up with P6,000, bronze medals, and tokens. Participating LGUs also received a P1,000 consolation prize and tokens.

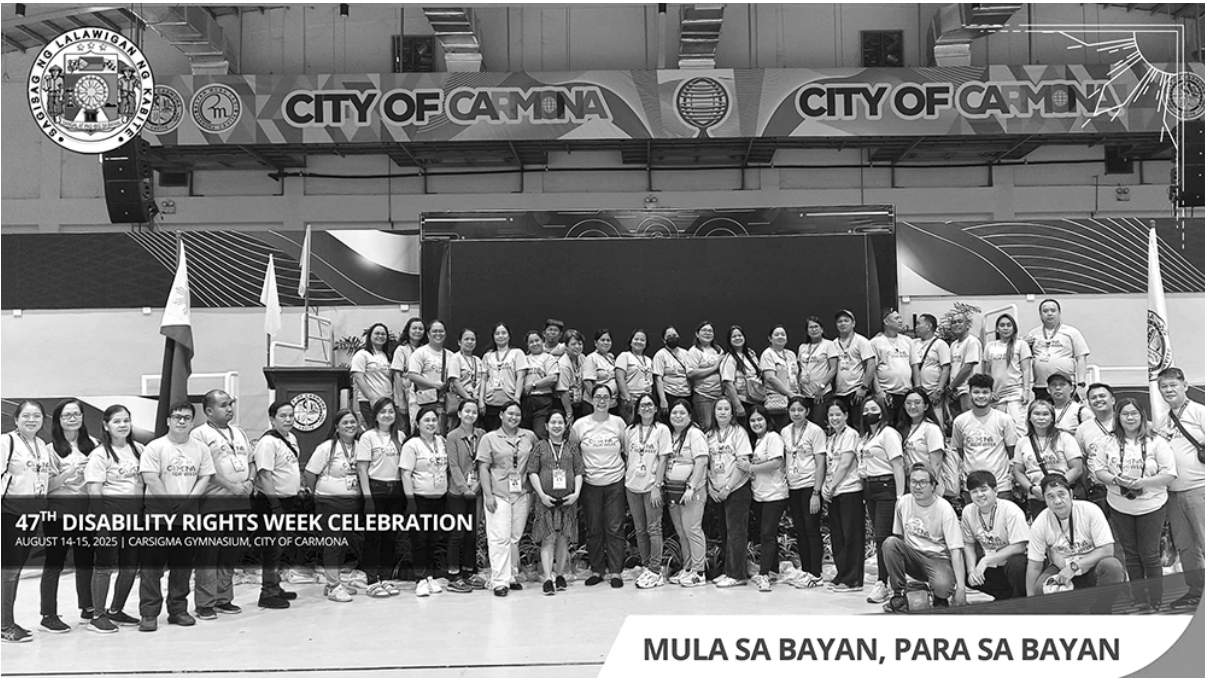
The second day focused on sports competitions that promoted teamwork and inclusivity. In Table Tennis, team Carmona dominated

both the male and female categories, receiving P5,000, gold medals, and tokens. The City of Dasmariñas came in second with P4,000, silver medal, and token, while Naic finished third with P3,000, bronze medal, and token.

In the Bocce Game – Male Category, the City of Carmona won the championship and received P10,000, gold medals, and tokens. Amadeo placed first runner-up with P8,000, silver medals, and tokens, while the City of Dasmariñas was second runner-up with P6,000, bronze medals, and tokens. In the Female Category, Amadeo took the championship with P10,000, gold medals, and tokens. Trece

Martires City earned first runner-up with P8,000, silver medals, and tokens, while General Mariano Alvarez placed second runner-up with P6,000, bronze medals, and tokens.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Marie Shiela Antenor-Haloc, who expressed gratitude to all participants and partner LGUs for their continued support in advancing disability rights and inclusion. Capping off the event was the ceremonial turnover of the next Disability Rights Week Celebration to the City of General Trias, signifying the continuing commitment of Cavite to uphold and strengthen programs for PWDs. (A. Cabrera)



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rays. Beneficiaries also received free prescribed and maintenance medicines, ensuring continued support for their health needs. The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital team, together with the OPG medical mission group, successfully carried out the activity with the valuable assistance of the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), who helped fa-

cilitate the smooth delivery of services.

The outreach program was further supported by the presence of 5th District Board Members Aidel Paul Belamide and Ivey Jayne Reyes, along with Punong Barangay Jonie Roy Ramos, who expressed their commitment to promoting the health and well-being of the community. (R. Dones)



AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSELYN P. MIROY, of legal age, Filipino, married and with residential address at Block 161 Lot 3 Phase 1, Mabuhay City, Paliparan 3, Dasmariñas City, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and state that: On the evening of 09 August 2025, me and my co-worker went to Max's Restaurant located in Barangay Salitran 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, to eat our dinner and parked my car, a color gray Honda CRV, with Plate No. XEL 584 inside the parking area of Max's Restaurant; I am the owner/possessor of the following items/documents; a. One (1) color blue/orange Hawk bag; b. Assorted receipt from St. Peter Life Plan; c. One (1) blank booklet of St. Peter Life Plan Service Invoice with Series Number 127601 to 127650; d. St. Peter Life Plan Application blank forms; e. St. Peter Life Plan Certificate of Full Payment of the following planholder, Alberto M. Sebastian with COFP No. 014093, Allan G. Beltran with COFP No. 013497, Arnold James M. Dupla with COFP No. 008917, Audyssa B. Auditor with COFP No. 008914, Bernadette M. David with COFP No. 008916, Catherine Joy M. Blanquesa with COFP No. 010653, Chean P. Peacita with COFP No. 014096, Corazon O. Torres with COFP No. 009709, Helen G. Bancoro with COFP No. 014097, Jeannette G. Panghulan with COFP No. 010651, Marcedita D. Cojotan with COFP No. 012543, Maria Carmen D. Ramos with COFP No. 008915, Regie B. Turao with COFP No. 008913, Rizaldy B. Rodolfo with COFP No. 014892, Shiela B. Valdez with COFP No. 010652, Vilma B. Sebastian with COFP No. 014094, Teresita Linsao; f. St. Peter Planholder's ID of Ron Venedick Valdez with Contact No. L23931292H, Charlotte Jienne Almocera with Contract No. L20126589E, Lolito Quirimit with Contract No. L19726952D; After having our dinner, we went to my co-worker's car, which is beside my car and rest for a while. We went back to my car at around 9:00 p.m. on the same day and discovered that my color blue/orange Hawk bag together with the items/documents inside bag are missing; Upon discovery, we immediately approached the Guard on Duty at Max's Restaurant and reported the incident. The Guard on Duty called on the Police and requested for help. Personnel from the Philippine National Police, Police Regional Office Calabarzon, Cavite Police Provincial Office, Dasmariñas Component City Police Station, Malihan St., Brgy. Zone IV, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, came to investigate and I was asked to fill-up an Incident Report, a copy of which is hereto attached as Annex "A"; I am executing this Affidavit to attest to the truth of the foregoing statements, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 18th day of August 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Crisanto U. Pascual, Jr., under Doc. No. 40, Page No. 27, Book No. 29, Series of 2025.

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MAGLIBANG TAYO

KAPALARAN

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Maghanda ka! Iba ang nakahanda kesa sa nasosorpresa. Siguraduhin mong ika'y positibo, dahil ang araw na ito ay para sa mga bagong oportunidad. Masuwerteng kulay-lilac. Tips sa lotto-9-18-20-23-37-42.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) - Huwag mong kaligtaan ang mga aral sa buhay na iyong natututunan. Magagamit mo ang mga ito habang nagdaratingan ang iyong magagandang kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-1-17-24-30-33-45.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Magsasawa ka sa masasayang pangyayari na guguhit sa kapalaran mo ngayong taon. Ingatan mo ito, dahil kapag nagsawa ka, posible kang mapunta sa mga maling tao. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-5-12-28-31-34-41.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Huwag kang magtaka sa mga bagong pakikipagsapalaran na lalagay sa iyong harapan. 'Wag mong kalimutan na rito sa mundo, mas maganda ang nakikipagsapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-3-11-15-27-34-40.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Magmatiyag ka! Ngayong malapit na ang ber months, mas papalarin ka, pero kung hindi ka mag-iingat, maraming tao ang mananamantala sa iyo. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-1-18-19-25-37-45.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Ang isang pagkakamali ay may malaking epekto sa buhay ng isang tao. Hindi ito mangyayari sa iyo, kung hindi ka makikinig sa mga payo na mula sa maling tao. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-2-16-22-28-35-41.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Magbalik-tanaw ka sa nakaraan upang makita mo na marami ka ring naging kabiguan, pero sa kabuuan ay mas magiging masaya at maganda ang hinaharap mo. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-1-15-24-31-38-41.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Maamo at mabait ang tupa. Pero masamang magalit ang mabait at maamo. Ikaw ay tupa, hindi ka puwedeng magalit nang husto dahil tiyak na maraming buhay ang masisira. Masuwerteng kulay-burgundy. Tips sa lotto-14-18-21-23-39-42.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Maraming bituin ang mahuhulog mula sa itaas. Sila ang mga taong nalasing sa kasikatan. Ito ay iyong masasaksihan sa panahon ng eleksyon at sa panahon ng tag-araw. Kumuha ka ng aral sa kanilang naging karanasan. Masuwerteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-12-20-24-28-30-43.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Magdaratingan sa buhay mo ang marami at malalaking pagsubok sa taong ito. Pero nakatala sa Aklat ng Kapalaran mo na hindi ka matitinag at mas lalo ka pang titibay at bubuwenasin. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-6-13-23-37-40-44.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Nakikita ng mata ang panlabas na anyo, ang puso nama'y nadarama ang nakatagong ganda. Ang payo para sa iyo ay 'wag ka basta-bastang maniniwala sa iyong mga nakikita. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-4-19-22-27-35-41.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Hindi tama na maging bahagi ka ng buhay ng isang tao na may nakaraan at pangit na kaganapan. Maaawa ka, pero umiwas ka, dahil nakakahawa ang kamalasan niyang dala-dala. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-7-14-17-24-37-45.

SUDOKU

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	6	1			8			
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	8				3		4	
7	3			2	4			

SAGOT: SUDOKU VOL. 22 #24

7	3	9	5	6	4	2	8	1
1	5	2	7	8	9	4	6	3
6	8	4	1	2	3	5	7	9
5	9	8	2	3	6	7	1	4
2	7	3	8	4	1	6	9	5
4	6	1	9	5	7	8	3	2
8	1	5	3	7	2	9	4	6
9	2	6	4	1	8	3	5	7
3	4	7	6	9	5	1	2	8

HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku puzzle is made up of a 9-by-9 grid with nine 3-by-3 sub-grids called boxes. There are 9 rows, 9 columns and 9 boxes in every puzzle. The object of the game is to fill all squares in the grid with the correct number.

The rules are: • Every row, column and box must contain all the digits 1 to 9.

• Each number can only appear once in every row, column or box.

• Every puzzle has only one correct solution!

Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW THE AVERAGE AMERICAN USES THREE ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER EACH WEEK?

And this excessive toilet paper use is affecting our forests. A report by the National Resources Defense Council described a "tree-to-toilet" pipeline, "concluding that the "consequences for Indigenous Peoples, treasured wildlife, and the global climate" are devastating. If the coronavirus pandemic and toilet paper shortage didn't make you want to switch to a bidet and never go back, maybe that harsh truth will.

WORD HUNT

Space Shuttle

X	T	R	O	C	K	E	T	U	S	U	R	S	O
N	S	T	C	U	O	M	W	A	P	S	W	G	H
T	E	C	N	M	R	A	C	A	A	K	N	G	A
A	A	N	E	G	Y	X	O	S	C	C	A	R	U
S	F	T	O	S	C	I	D	P	E	O	S	A	A
T	M	I	E	I	O	X	C	A	S	R	A	V	G
R	O	U	L	R	O	T	T	C	H	N	E	I	K
O	O	S	T	A	P	A	T	E	U	O	L	T	O
N	N	E	A	S	K	E	I	F	T	O	C	Y	Y
A	S	C	T	C	A	H	R	O	T	M	S	T	A
U	A	A	P	R	P	S	T	O	L	S	W	O	E
T	N	P	T	S	C	X	A	D	E	I	N	L	K
F	D	S	T	S	P	A	C	E	W	A	L	K	F
E	M	T	O	C	A	R	G	O	B	A	Y	E	T

SPACE SHUTTLE

MOON SAND

ASTRONAUT

OXYGEN

GRAVITY

CARGO BAY

SPACE FOOD

SPACE WALK

ROCKET

SPACE SUIT

NASA

MOON ROCKS

Science and Technology Celebration in Rizal Highlights Building Smart and Sustainable Communities



ANTIPOLLO CITY, Rizal – The Department of Science and Technology - CALABARZON (DOST-CALABARZON) formally opened the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) 2025 on August 14 at the Ynares Events Center, Antipolo City, with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.” The three-day celebration, which runs until August 16, showcases how science, technology, and innovation (STI) can drive inclusive development and strengthen community resilience in the region and beyond.

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Northern Mindanao Staff Level Up Their Expertise!

The staff of DOST Northern Mindanao continue to enhance their skills to deliver exceptional service to clients. Just last week, they engaged in a series of capacity-building sessions aimed at strengthening expertise, improving efficiency, and ensuring that the agency’s operations remain client-centered.



On August 4–6, our two Assistant Regional Directors and one Provincial Director participated in the Seminar on Settlement of Accounts and COA Procedures at Grand Westside Hotel, Parañaque City. The seminar provided a comprehensive understanding of financial account settlement and Commission on Audit (COA)

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CHAMPIONING SUSTAINABILITY: MPCALA HOLDINGS INC. CELEBRATES DOUBLE GREEN AWARD WIN

Santa Rosa City, Laguna—MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) and a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, has been awarded two Green Awards this year, marking its third consecutive year of recognition in the esteemed program organized by the City Government of Santa Rosa last August 15, 2025.



The Santa Rosa City Green Awards is a platform that acknowledges outstanding efforts and initiatives in promoting sustainability and environmental protection. In this year’s Green Awards, MPCALA received two notable recognitions, one of which was a Plaque of Appreciation as a Sustainable Development Partner; this award is presented to organizations and individuals who have actively contributed to Santa Rosa City’s environmental conser-

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Industry-Based Learning at the core: New Batangas State University campus in LIMA Estate reimagines future-ready education

BATANGAS CITY—A new chapter in Philippine engineering education is unfolding as Batangas State University, The National Engineering University (BatStateU The NEU), partners with Aboitiz InfraCapital Economic Estates to establish a new campus within the LIMA Estate—a purpose-built, industry-integrated learning hub located in CALABARZON’s thriving industrial corridor.



The milestone was formalized on August 12 in Makati City, where BatStateU The NEU and Aboitiz InfraCapital Economic Estates signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Earlier, on June 19, 2025, through Board Resolution No. 74, s. 2025, the BatStateU Board of Regents approved the establishment of the BatStateU Aboitiz LIMA Campus, formally laying the foundation for what will become a national hub for industry-based education. This partnership will give rise to a pioneering academic-industrial campus in the heart of CALABARZON’s premier economic zone, purpose-built to inte-

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