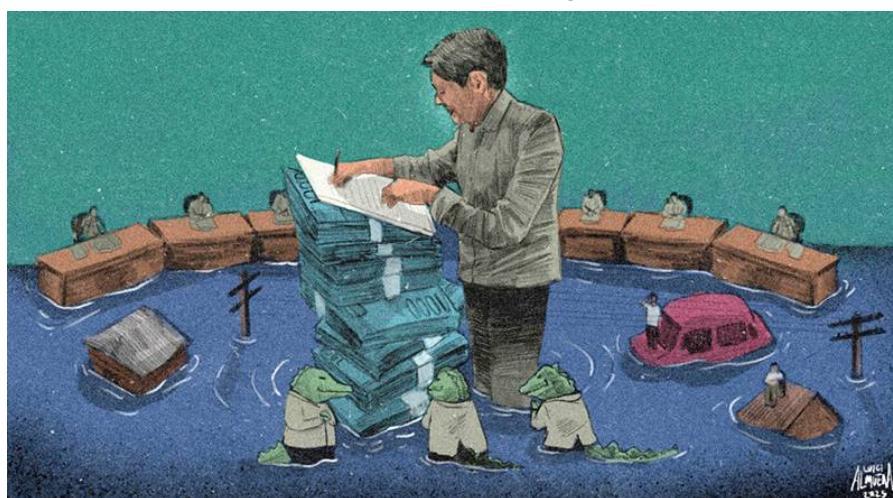




**MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN**

# UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS, FLOOD CONTROL AND MARCOS' ROLE

In 2023 and 2024, President Marcos endorsed the release of P213.8 billion in unprogrammed funds for "priority" infrastructure projects meant to "achieve" his economic agenda. These funds were a magnet for corruption, a source of billions in kickbacks for legislators and other officials.



Corruption-ridden Bulacan was the top recipient of the UA-funded priority infrastructure projects. Flood control was the most favored project type. And dubious and politician-linked contractors were prioritized in the awarding of the projects.

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## PGC conducts Retooling Seminar Workshop for PGC-QMS Internal Auditors



The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Cavite Quality Management Office, successfully hosted two sessions of Retooling Seminar Workshop for PGC-QMS Internal Quality Auditors, bringing together existing and aspiring internal auditors to strengthen their grasp on quality management system at the New Provincial Government Center, on September 25 and October 27.

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**"A Nation That Dares to Innovate Dares to Define Its Destiny," Says DOST Chief at Inno.Venta 2025**



Batangas City, October 24, 2025 — Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized the crucial role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in driving economic transformation and national progress during the opening of Inno.Venta 2025 held at the Batangas State University – The National Engineering University (BatStateU The NEU). A NATION • 4

# NEWS

## DOST Ilocos Region and PNP Region 1 Strengthen Partnership to Ensure Safety and Security For the Upcoming 2025 National Science and Technology Week in Laoag City

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Ilocos Region through Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog and Assistant Regional Director for Field Operations Dechth-1180 P. Libunao and the Philippine National Police (PNP) Region 1 formally sealed their partnership for the safety and security of the 2025 National Science and Technology Week (NSTW) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing held on October 23, 2025 in Laoag City.



The MOU was signed by DOST Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog and PNP Regional Director PBGEN Dindo R. Reyes, signifying the agencies' shared commitment to uphold peace, order, and public safety during the four-day NSTW celebration happening on November 18–21, 2025, to be hosted by DOST Ilocos Region.

Under the MOU, DOST

Ilocos Region and PNP Region 1 will collaborate to ensure the safety of exhibitors, guests, and visitors throughout the event.

The PNP will provide security assistance, crowd control, traffic management, and emergency response coordination, while DOST will handle logistical and communication support to facilitate smooth coordination during the event.

The 2025 National Science and Technology Week, hosted for the first time by DOST Ilocos Region in Laoag City, will gather scientists, researchers, innovators, MSMEs, students, and the general public under the theme "Building Smart and Sustainable Communities" and the subtheme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at

Inobasyon: Kabalikat sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan". The event will feature exhibits, fora, technology demonstrations, and interactive activities that highlight the transformative role of science and

technology in national development.

Through this strengthened collaboration between DOST Ilocos Region and PNP Region 1, the NSTW 2025 celebration in Laoag City is expected to be both

impactful and secure, ensuring that participants can fully experience and enjoy the country's premier science, technology, and innovation event. *(Sheshenie Janae M. Perez and Karl Anthony Bugar)*

## Empowering Lake Palakpakin Fisherfolks through Capacity Building and DOLE Registration Assistance Brgy. San Buenaventura, San Pablo City, Laguna

The Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) – Laguna, in partnership with the Laguna Polytechnic University of the Philippines San Pablo City Campus-College of Business Administration and Accounting (LSPU-SPCC CBAA), and the Office of the Mayor of San Pablo City, conducted a two-day Training on Fish Farm Management and Fish Feeds Processing for members of the Samahan ng Mangingisda sa Lawa ng Palakpakin (SMLP).



Located in Barangay San Buenaventura, Lake Palakpakin is the shallowest among the seven lakes of San Pablo City and serves as a vital livelihood source for local fisherfolk. However, the increasing number of fish cages and the continued use of traditional fishing methods have affected both the lake's productivity consequently affecting the income of local communities.

To address this challenge, the training aimed to enhance participants' technical knowledge and practical skills in fish farm management and feeds processing was conducted—empowering SMLP with sustainable aquaculture practices that can increase fish yield without detrimental effect to the quality and health of the lake water, promote food security, and improve community resilience.

Through the invited experts from Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region IV-A

(BFAR IV-A) the capacity building was held at Brgy. San Buenaventura Gymnasium, San Pablo City on September 4 and 5, 2025. Day 1 focused on "Fish Farm Management" covering pond preparation, stock management, and fish health care while the Day 2 highlighted "Fish Feeds Formulation and Processing", emphasizing cost-effective feed preparation using locally available materials. The event was graced by San Pablo City Mayor, Hon. Arcadio "Najie" Gapangada Jr. with some of the LGU personnel.

Beyond the training, PSTO-Laguna also assisted the organization in their application for registration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

This effort aims to formalize the group's operations and ensure compliance with labor laws to protect the rights and welfare of their members, enabling them to access government support, programs,

and technical assistance—further empowering the fisherfolk community. The registration was successfully submitted online via <https://ours.dole.gov.ph/> on October 15, 2025.

This initiative also aligns with the celebration of National Cooperative Month this October, with the theme "Cooperative United in Purpose and Action, Sharing Prosperity to Build a Better World." The activity stands as a good practice in fostering unity, cooperation, and shared purpose among local fisherfolk toward sustainable fisheries and inclusive community development.

Through this intervention, PSTO Laguna reaffirms their commitment to harnessing science, technology, and innovation to empower communities by supporting sustainable livelihood and preserving the aquatic resources. *(By Charles Andrew M. Reyes)*

## PCEDO head bags Outstanding Cooperative Development Officer at CDA Gawad Parangal Awards 2025

**CITY OF MALOLOS** — Another spotlight has been given to the Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office (PCEDO) of the Provincial Government of Bulacan as its department head Atty. Jayric L. Amil bagged the First Place in the search for Outstanding Cooperative Development Officer (Provincial Category) during the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Gawad Parangal Awards 2025 Ceremony held last October 24, at the Novotel Manila Araneta City.

The CDA-conferred award highlights Amil's admirable performance in leading PCEDO to advancing cooperative movement in the province through dynamic leadership, innovation, and community empowerment.

Amil expressed his gratitude for the award he received and promised to continue his department's mission of extending a helping hand to Bulakenyo cooperatives to further promote and improve their businesses and lives.

"[This] recognition serves as an inspiration for Bulacan's cooperative

sector to continue fostering sustainable development and strengthening partnerships for inclusive growth," he added.

Governor Daniel R. Fernando also congratulated Amil for this milestone and committed to support the coop sector by giving them opportunities that will strengthen their business and cooperative capabilities.

"Binabati ko ang ating masigasig na PCEDO Head na si Atty. Jayric Amil para sa katangtingan parangal na kanyang nakamit para sa ating lalawigan. Asahan po nating mas lalo pa niyang paghuhusayan

ang serbisyo para sa inyo, at gayundin ang inyong lingkod kasama ng buong Sangguniang Panlalawigan, palagi kaming susuporta sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng mga oportunidad para sa mga Bulakenyo," Fernando said.

This marks the second time the province of Bulacan received a recognition this month through PCEDO as it also clinched a special citation award at the 2025 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit Awards last October 20 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City.

## Editorial

### Closing the digital gap

**M**ORE than 6 billion people — 73.2 percent of the global population — are now online, according to a study by the media intelligence company, Meltwater, and the international marketing agency, We Are Social.

The Digital 2026 Global Overview Report also noted that there are 5.66 billion social media users worldwide, making them a “supermajority.”

The average user spends more than 2.5 hours per day on social and video platforms. YouTube has the biggest global user base, but TikTok remains the most engaging platform, with users spending 1 hour and 37 minutes daily on its Android app.

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) has crept into almost every aspect of daily life, with more than 1 billion people using AI-driven apps monthly. ChatGPT alone has reached 800 million weekly users, “underscoring how quickly the technology has entered the mainstream.”

The spectacular rise in global internet use could be hailed as a transformational moment, but an earlier report by the International Telecommunication Union, a United Nations agency, highlights accompanying issues that persist.

In its Facts and Figures 2024, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a United Nations agency, said even as connectivity continues to spread, communities in low-income countries remain on the other side of the digital divide.

One-third of the world’s population remains offline. “Facts and Figures 2024 is a tale of two digital realities between high-income and low-income countries,” said ITU Secretary-General Doreen Bogdan-Martin. “Stark gaps in critical connectivity indicators are cutting off the most vulnerable people from online access to information, education and employment opportunities.”

“This report is a reminder that true progress in our interconnected world isn’t just about how fast we move forward, but about making sure everyone moves forward together,” Bogdan-Martin said.

In high-income countries, 93 percent of the population used the internet in 2024. In low-



income countries, usage was a dismal 27 percent.

Internet affordability remains a challenge. ITU found that the cost of a fixed-broadband subscription in low-income countries is the equivalent of nearly a third of the average monthly income.

In the late 1990s, the world began to recognize the potential of the internet as an indispensable tool for communication, education, commerce and personal self-expression.

Early on, the digital divide was mostly seen as “a dichotomous problem: people were either granted internet access or they were not,” Prof. Landry Signé, a senior fellow in global economy and development, wrote in an article for the Brookings Institution in 2023.

Discussion was focused “on the physical capacity of individuals to establish an internet connection, generally assessed by the presence of fundamental internet infrastructure in various areas. Nevertheless, this oversimplified perspective failed to consider the underlying, more intricate inequalities that were at play, such as the quality of internet connectivity and the proficiency in its use.”

The digital divide gives rich countries the power to shape the digital future, “leaving more and more of the perspectives and concerns of developing countries out of the conversation,” Signé said.

Cosmas Luckson Zavazava, director of ITU’s Telecommunication Development Bureau, shares Signé’s concern. “The world is inching towards universal access at a time that it should be sprinting,” Zavazava said. “While we continue to make progress on connectivity, our advances mask significant gaps in the world’s most vulnerable communities, where digital exclusion makes life even more challenging.”

“We must intensify our efforts to remove the barriers that keep people offline and close the usage gap, and renew our commitment to achieving universal and meaningful connectivity, so that everyone can access the internet,” Zavazava said.

To close the gap, technology expert Dr. Deepak Kem proposes “a thorough and extended plan that goes further than just infrastructure and also emphasizes digital skills and purposeful interaction with technology.”

People must be provided “with the ability to navigate, assess and produce in the digital realm, enabling them to actively engage in contemporary society,” Kem said.

Only then can we create a digital society “that is more equitable and inclusive, allowing everyone to access the positive effects of technology regardless of their backgrounds.”

Failure to do so will reinforce social and economic inequalities.

### Masakit ang Puwit: Solusyon sa Almoranasyon

**M**arami ang may almoranasyon (hemorrhoids). Pagdating ng edad 50, mga 50% ng tao ay may almoranasyon na.

Ano ang almoranasyon? Ito'y mga ugat at laman na luma-la-bas sa puwit. May mga ugat sa loob ng puwit, at sa ka-tagalang pag-iire, puwedeng itong lumalabas, maipit at dumugo.

Ang sintomas ng almoranasyon ay ang masakit na pakiramdam habang dumudumi. Parang may humihiwang o napupunit sa puwit. Minsan, may dugo sa dumi o sa puwitan. May pagkakataon na makakapa rin ang almoranasyon sa puwitan.

Ang sanhi ng almoranasyon ay ang pagtibbi o pagiging constipated. Kailangan natin mapalambot at mapadali ang pagdumi.

Pagkaing Mataas Sa Fiber (High-fiber foods):

Ang pinaka-solusyon dito ay damihan ang pagkain ng pagkaing mataas sa fiber. Kailangan natin kumain ng 5 tasa ng pagkaing mataas sa fiber tulad ng gulay, patola, okra, kangkong, prutas, brown rice, wheat bread, mani at iba pa.

Kapag maraming fiber tayong kinain, mas magiging malaman (may bulk) ang iyong dumi at madali itong mailabas. Minsan, isang irihan lang at

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lalabas na ang dumi. Dahil dito, mas hindi masusugat ang iyong almoranasyon o puwit.

Uminom din ng 8-12 basong tubig. Kailangan mo ng maraming tubig para hindi tumigas ang iyong dumi.

Huwag umasa sa gamot na pampadumi dahil lalo ka lang magtibbi pagkatapos ng epekto nito.

Iisa pang tip: Huwag pigilin o ipitin ang paglabas ng dumi. Kapag pinipigil natin ang paglabas (tinitigas ang masel ng puwit) lalong kikopit ang lalabasan ng dumi at masusugatan lalo ang almoranasyon.

I-kalma ang sarili ang subukang ilabas ang dumi ng isang pag-iri lang.

Magpatingin sa doktor (surgeon) para masiguro na almoranasyon ang problema

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE  
 ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER  
 DIRECTING RESPONDENT TO  
 DELIVER/SURRENDER THE  
 OWNER'S COPY OF TCT NO. T-  
 1069174 UNTO THE PETITIONER,  
 AND IN CASE OF REFUSAL, AN  
 ORDER BE ISSUED ANNULLING THE  
 SAME AND CONSEQUENTLY AN  
 ORDER BE ISSUED DIRECTING  
 THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS TO THE  
 PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO ISSUE A  
 NEW OWNER'S COPY OF THE  
 SUBJECT TITLE IN LIEU THEREOF,**

**MANIFOLD ASIA PACIFIC, INC.,  
 represented by: RAMONCHITO S.  
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 Petitioner,**

**-versus- CASE NO. LRC-C-GMA-2025-44**  
 For: To Surrender Owner's Duplicate Copy  
 of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-  
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 Respondents.**

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner through counsel for the issuance of an order directing respondent to surrender owner's duplicate copy on **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1069174** on the grounds alleged therein.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that said petition has been set for hearing on **November 19, 2025 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 the Municipality of Carmona, Cavite, where the property is located.

Witness may hand under the seal of this Court this 30th Day of September 2025 at Carmona, Cavite, Philippines.

**(Sgd.) BON GERARD D. ASCAÑO**  
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Ms. Anne Minnette Dastas, head of OPG-Office of the Provincial Internal Audit Service (OPG-OPIAS), together with Mr. Niko Montenegro and Mr. Mark Lester Carada, enthusiastically

shared their knowledge and insights on Internal Audit, tackling the clauses, standards, and

activities, reinforcing collaboration and teamwork for an effective internal audit.

The highlight of the event was the mock internal audit wherein participants were grouped and took the role as auditors and auditees, applying the learnings into a real scenario. The workshop-presentation was then evaluated by invited PGC internal auditors composed of Dr. Eva Defiesta of OPG-OPIAS, Ms. Evelyn Reyes of the Office of the Provincial Information Officer, and Ms. Nancy Lontoc of the Office of the Provincial Administrator. (J.Reyes)

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In his keynote message, Secretary Solidum underscored that innovation serves as the nation's engine for inclusive growth, stating that "a nation that dares to innovate dares to define its own destiny." He emphasized that STI are the "engines of economic transformation, societal progress, and national resilience," adding that the Philippines' current 50th ranking among 139 economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) is a testament to the country's growing innovation ecosystem.

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DOST Assistant Secretary Napoleon Juanillo welcomed participants and highlighted the event's commitment to creating validated, trustworthy, and globally competitive technologies built on credibility and integrity. Meanwhile, Undersecretary Angel

Ignacio from the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Economic Af-

standardizing technology transfer and commercialization in the Philippines. Oxentia consultants Dr.



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fairs, described innovation as "the new currency of growth," urging continued investment in the next generation of Filipino innovators.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, PASUC President and BatStateU The NEU President, emphasized that Inno.Venta bridges the gap between invention and commercialization.

He introduced his P+ paradigm — Philosophy, Policy, Programs, People, and Place — to strengthen higher education institutions' capacity for industry-based research and innovation. "For innovation to progress, we must invest in people and create an environment where ideas thrive. This is how we build not just careers, but industries," he said.

In support of these efforts, Oxentia, a technology transfer consultancy founded at the University of Oxford, shared a proposed framework for

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Irene Dal Poz and Dr. Fabio Bianchi presented structured models such as the Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) and identified ways to address fragmented research pipelines and weak commercialization linkages in the country.

Industry leaders and representatives from higher education institutions also shared insights on nurturing innovation-driven enterprises and strengthening academe-industry partnerships during a series of forums and panel discussions.

Funded under Program PROPEL through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Technology Transfer, Communications and Commercialization, DOST-TAPI, and DOST-ASTI, Inno.Venta 2025 continues to showcase the power of innovation as a catalyst for inclusive growth and sustainable development. (Nelson Santos)

## Maj. Gen. Alcudia

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Maj. Gen. Ramon P. Zagala, the outgoing Commander and at the same time, the Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division, Philippine Army signs the relinquishment orders during the ceremony. In his speech, he reflected on the core values he envisioned for Team RESCOM, PA—preparedness, resilience, and endurance—and emphasized his leadership thrust anchored on good governance, integrity, and role modeling as pillars of strength. He thanked the group commanders, staff, enlisted personnel, and civilian human resources for their unwavering dedication and contributions to institutional success, as well as his family for their support.

With gratitude to higher headquarters for their trust and support in turning dreams into accomplishments, he concluded with confidence that under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Alcudia, RESCOM, PA remains in good hands. During his tenure, Maj. Gen. Zagala introduced key achievements such as the Drone Pilot Program, demonstrating speed, accuracy, and control, and the creation of the Armscor

STK100 pistol exclusively for Filipino reservists. His leadership also championed transparency, accountability, and adherence to the principles of good governance, setting a high standard for the Command's future direction.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Ronald Jess S. Alcudia, officially signed his assumption of orders as the 28th Commander of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army. In his message, Maj. Gen. Alcudia shared that there comes a point in service when personal pursuits yield to a higher calling—reflecting his purpose in RESCOM. He described the Command as one of the Army's most extensive and vital units and expressed gratitude to his predecessor for his dedicated service. He vowed to strengthen territorial commands, refine the reserve force structure, and revitalize service-based reservist programs, all anchored on dedication, professionalism, and unity in advancing Reserve Force Development. Known for his strong foundation in operations and leadership development, he previously served as

Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, G3 and Chief of Staff, RESCOM, PA, where he authored key policies and concepts that have since shaped the Command's modern structure.

Maj. Gen. Alcudia assumed the post following his distinguished service as Chief of Staff, Philippine Army. His designation to lead RESCOM, PA underscores the Army's continuing thrust toward transformational leadership, integrity, and operational excellence.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy "Maalab" Class of 1993, Maj. Gen. Alcudia brings with him an extensive and diverse background in command and staff assignments across all levels of the organization. He previously served as Commander of the 202nd Infantry Brigade in the CALABARZON Region, where he introduced innovative approaches to community defense and internal peace initiatives.

Throughout his career, he has held key leadership and staff positions—at the platoon and company command levels in Northeastern Mindanao under the 4th Infantry Division, at the division headquarters with the 2nd Infantry Division in Southern Luzon, and as



Battalion Commander in the SOCCSKSARGEN region with the 10th Infantry Division. He also served at the Unified Command level in the Visayas, as well as in major staff and training institutions, including the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Reserve Command, and the Civil-Military Operations Group, Philippine Army.

At the General Headquarters, AFP, he was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Retiree and Reservist Affairs, OJ9, the Office of Strategic and Special Studies, and the Office of the Chief of Staff, AFP. He was twice detailed to civilian government agencies—the Bureau of Customs, Department of Fi-

nance, and the Department of National Defense, under the Office of the Undersecretary for Civil, Veterans, and Reserve Affairs.

Maj. Gen. Alcudia's academic and professional credentials reflect his strong commitment to leadership development and national security. He completed the Australian Command and Staff Course in Canberra in 2009, earning a Graduate Certificate from the Australian Defence College and a Graduate Diploma from the University of New South Wales. He holds a Master's in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and a Master's in National Security Administration

(MNSA) from the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP).

Lt. Gen. Antonio Nafarrete, Commanding General, Philippine Army, expressed his gratitude in the outgoing Commander, Maj. Gen. Zagala PA, who brought the RESCOM, PA to unprecedented heights and expressed his confidence to the newly installed Commander, Reserve Command, Philippine Army Maj. Gen. Ronald Jess S. Alcudia, who he described as no other officer as being qualified to lead the most critical unit in support of Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS)—a major initiative of the Philippine Army aimed at strengthening grassroots defense capabilities.

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rehistradong aplikante kung saan 25 lokal na kumpanya ang nag-alok ng may kabuuang 2,420 lokal na bakanteng trabaho sa iba't ibang sektor. Sa mataas na resultang ito, 65 na aplikante naman ang nearly hired na nagpapakita ng pagkakatugma ng mga empleyado sa inilaok na trabaho.

Iisa sa mga tampok na kwentong "HOTS" ay si Bravegio Santos, 22 taong gulang mula sa Barangay Barihan, Lungsod ng Malolos na natanggap bilang service crew sa Jollibee Sta. Rita, Guiguinto.

"Maraming salamat po sa pagbuo ng event na

ito na sobrang madaming matutulungan na gustong maging empleyado at mabigyan ng magandang kinabukasan ang mga taong nakisali sa job fair na ito," ani Santos.

Samantala, sa mensaheng inihayag ng kinatawan ni Gob. Daniel R. Fernando na si James Santos, iginiit niya na isa sa mga pangunahing layunin ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ay ang tulungan ang mga kabataang Bulakenyo na makahanap ng disenteng trabaho – isang tulay tungo sa pangarap nilang makatulong sa kanilang pamilya.

"Nawa ay makahanap kayo ng trabaho na

inyong ipinagdarasal, trabaho na karapat-dapat na para sa inyo. Hindi lamang trabaho na kikita kayo kundi trabaho na magiging extended home kung saan maipapakita ninyo ang inyong husay at galing na lilinangan sa mga darating pang panahon," anang gobernador.

Bukod pa sa paghahanap ng trabaho, tampok din sa fair na ito ang "One-Stop Shop" corner, na nagpabilis sa proseso ng aplikasyon sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng mahahalagang serbisyo ng gobyerno, kabilang ang Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Health Insurance (PhilHealth), Pag-IBIG, at Social Security System (SSS).

## Strengthening

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The program formally opened with a welcome message from TESDA Provincial Director Gerardo R. Marasigan, who underscored the importance of partnerships between the government, private sector, and training institutions in cultivating a competitive workforce. This was followed by a message from Engr. Jovencio M. Ferrer, Jr., TESDA Regional Director, highlighting the role of enterprise-based training in bridging education and real-world industry needs.

Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Jr. also graced the event

and expressed his full support for initiatives that promote skills development and sustainable employment for Caviteños.

The discussion on the Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) Framework was facilitated by Mr. Joel M. De Guzman, Senior TESD Specialist, while Engr. Jerry Webb E. Muhi, President and Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center, presented insights on "Bridging Skills and Industry: A TVI Perspective on Education for Employment." Both sessions were followed by open forums,

allowing participants to share perspectives and raise inquiries on implementation and collaboration opportunities.

To conclude the program, OPPESM Head Ms. Rizalie P. Enero delivered the closing message, emphasizing the continued partnership between the government and private sector in advancing enterprise-based education and training programs.

The event was attended by human resource personnel from various private companies across Cavite, reflecting a shared commitment to developing industry-ready workers and supporting national growth through education and skills development. (JDP)

## Unprogrammed

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The House of Representatives, reeling from corruption charges against its own mem-

bers, could have wiped out UAs in this year's hearings on the 2026 budget.

But they did not.

The budget is now in the hands of senators, some of whom have already vowed to eliminate UAs.

Will they stay true to their word? (PCIJ)



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# NEWS

## DOST promotes science-based packaging and labeling practices among Sto. Tomas MSMEs

Selected Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Sto. Tomas City enhanced their knowledge on packaging, labeling, and branding through a Seminar on Packaging Technology, Labeling Requirements, and Branding conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas in partnership with the City Government of Sto. Tomas, held at the Museo ni Miguel Malvar on October 29.

The seminar aimed to strengthen the MSMEs' competitiveness by improving their product presentation, compliance with labeling standards, and brand identity, enabling them to better position their products in the market.

The discussion on packaging technology covered the definition and functions of food packaging, criteria for

selecting appropriate packaging materials, types of packaging materials used in food processing, packaging material testing, and various food packaging techniques. Participants were also introduced to packaging innovations that enhance shelf life, product presentation, and consumer appeal.

For labeling requirements, the seminar tack-

### Tech Talks for Tomorrow

For knowledge seeking entrepreneurs, don't miss the lineup of exciting fora and discussions! Join the Fireside Chat Session about Conversations on Smart Urban Futures, dive into TeknoLokal to discover Smart Technologies for LGUs and MSMEs, and explore how shifting to sustainable and circular urban systems can pave the way for greener cities. Plus, learn how technology adoption and commercialization can drive inclusive growth and competitiveness—helping communities and enterprises thrive in a rapidly evolving tech landscape.

### Tech Meets Trade!

Experience the innovation firsthand at the Technology Exhibit and Techno Bazaar, featuring DOST-NCR-assisted communities and MSMEs. From inventive local products to breakthrough technologies, this space celebrates Filipino ingenuity and the spirit of collaboration.

### #SolutionsAndOpportunitiesForAll

Definitely, as DOST's song goes, "Science is for everyone. Science is for everybody." Let's make it a date this November at the 2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week in NCR and find out how science, technology, and innovation (STI) can provide solutions and open opportunities for all Filipinos.

To register, visit the link: <https://dostnrcr.ph/rstw2025>. (Aurora F. Marcelo)

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product development and reduce reliance on imported components.

### Design the City of Tomorrow!

Futurists and creative minds will gain major insights from experts on how integrating technology, innovation, and sustainable practices can achieve Smart Governance, Smart Economy, Smart Environment, Smart Living, Smart Mobility, and Smart People. Participants can then use these learnings to design their own future ready cities in the Smart City Design Challenge.

### Game On, NCR!

For those into competitive mobile competitions, the Ted Talk-type session on the "Future of Game Development in NCR" is a must see for aspiring game developers. Also not to be missed is the "Battle Up: Local Game Showcase and Esports Challenge," which will feature an exciting team-based competition using games developed by Filipino creators, such as Salpakan: Game of the Generals, a game of strategy and a psychological battle of wits.

### Fashion Gets a Tech Upgrade!

For the fashionistas, Lakbay Disenyo promises to be an eye opener as the Philippine Footwear Federation Inc. and DOST PTRI unveil the limitless possibilities of local materials in crafting world class clothes and fashion accessories.



of origin, lot identification, storage conditions, expiration date, allergen information, usage instructions, and nutrition facts. Additional labeling requirements for specific product categories such as alcoholic beverages and irradiated foods were also discussed.

Participants were also introduced to the concept of branding, including the development of brand names, logos, taglines, and visual identities. The discussion emphasized how branding can reflect the values, culture, and aspirations of the enter-

prise, contributing to stronger consumer trust and loyalty.

Through interactive discussions, participants explored brand positioning and differentiation strategies, learned how to craft compelling brand stories, and examined case examples of successful brands. The seminar also guided them in developing brand identities tailored to their products, ensuring alignment with packaging and labeling standards.

As part of the activity, a one-on-one consultation session was con-

ducted to help participants improve their product packaging and labeling, providing personalized recommendations to enhance both compliance and market appeal.

Mr. John Maico M. Hernandez, Senior Science Research Specialist at DOST-Batangas, served as the resource speaker, providing technical insights and practical examples to help participants apply packaging, labeling, and branding principles to their respective enterprises. (By John Maico M. Hernandez)



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### TICKETING



# MAGLIBANG TAYO

## KAPALARAN

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Taglay mo ngayon ang kakaibang talas ng isip, at sapat na ito para masolusyonan ang mga suliranin makakaharap mo. Masuwarteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-9-19-24-27-39-45.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20) - Tatangayin ka ngayon ng isang nagsisikap. Kumbaga, hihilahin ka niya para sabay kayong umasenso. Hindi ka dapat tumutol, dahil ito na ang pagkakataon para tuluy-tuloy kang umunlad at lumigaya. Masuwarteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-6-15-21-23-30-41.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Aayon sa dati mong plano ang mga pangyayaring magaganap sa susunod na mga araw. Ngunit sa mga plano mong walang kaugnayan sa kabuhayan, hindi ito aayunan. Masuwarteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-5-11-18-20-25-33.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Kumuha ka ng likas sa mga masasayang nangyari sa buhay mo. Ito ngayon ang panlaban mo sa mga hindi magagandang nararanasan at nararamdaman mo. Masuwarteng kulay-aquamarine. Tips sa lotto-4-16-28-32-37-40.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Madali kang mapapaniwala ng mga mabibilis magsalita. Kung hindi ka mag-iingat, huli na bago mo mamalayang ikaw pala'y naloko. Kaya ang pinakamabuti mong gawin ay mag-ingat! Masuwarteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-5-17-21-27-31-42.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Kung ano ang gusto mong gawin, gawin mo agad. Kapag hindi mo ito ginawa agad, malabong magawa mo pa kahit kailan. Masuwarteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-2-13-16-35-38-41.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Kung ano ang maganda sa paninig mo, iyon ang iyong piliin. Huwag mong dayain ang iyong sarili sa pamamagitan ng paghahanap ng paliwanag at katuwiran sa mga bagay na hindi naman talaga maganda. Masuwarteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-3-19-29-31-37-40.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Kulang ka sa bilis, kaya nauunahan ka ng iyong mga karibal. Masuwarteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-2-16-22-26-36-42.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Bumabagal ang tao kapag pinapasan niya ang hindi naman niya pasanin. Sa huli, hindi na rin niya kayang paunlarin ang kanyang sarili. Ito ang iyong isipin, dahil kapag pasan ka nang pasan ng kung anu-ano, mangyayari din sa iyo ang ganyan. Masuwarteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-9-14-17-24-38-41.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Bigyang-luwag mo ang sarili mo; kaya ang dapat, magsaya ka! Sa pagsasaya at paglilibang, gumiginhawa ang pakiramdam. Ang maginhawang pakiramdam ay humihigop ng mas madami at magagandang kapalaran. Masuwarteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-1-18-21-27-30-34.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Hanapin mo ang pagbabago dahil nasa pagbabago ang pagganda ng buhay. Hindi puwedeng manatili ka sa luma, sa kawalang pag-usad ng kapalaran, at sa mga kabiguan. Ito ang iyong isipin ngayon. Masuwarteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-1-16-20-22-25-35.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Walang patutunguhan ang taong walang pangarap. Sa ngayon, lubhang kailangan mong magkaroon ng pangarap, at higit pa sa pangarap, dapat pilitin mong maabot ito. Masuwarteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-7-12-15-33-39-42.

## SUDOKU

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



THE BUMBLEBEE BAT  
IS THE WORLD'S  
SMALLEST FLYING  
MAMMAL

Weighing in at 0.05 to 0.07 ounces, with a head-to-body length of 1.14 to 1.29 inches and a wing-span of 5.1 to 5.7 inches, the bumblebee bat—also known as Kitti's hog-nosed bat—is the smallest flying mammal (aka the smallest bat, since those are the only mammals that truly fly) in the world, according to Guinness World Records. Many consider the bumblebee bat to be the smallest mammal overall, but its weight overlaps a bit with another of Earth's tiniest creatures, the Etruscan shrew.

To see this tiny bat for yourself, you'd have to visit one of a select few limestone caves on the Khwae Noi River in the Kanchanaburi Province of southwest Thailand.

## WORD HUNT

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# Maj. Gen. Alcudia Assumes Leadership of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army As Its 28th Commander



Tanza, Cavite — The Reserve Command, Philippine Army (RESCOM, PA) formally welcomed its new Commander, Major General Ronald Jess S. Alcudia PA, in a Change of Command Ceremony held at Camp General Riego de Dios, Tanza, Cavite on November 3, 2025. The change of command ceremony was graced by Lt. Gen. Antonio Nafarette, Commanding General, Philippine Army.

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## 36 Bulakenyong aplikante, hired on the spot sa local job fair

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS — Tatlumpu't anim na Bulakenyo ang matagumpay na "Hired on the Spot" (HOTS) sa ginanap na Job Fair for Local Employment sa Robinsons Malolos dito.

Ang agarang tagumpay na ito na binubuo ng 18 na lalaki at 18 na babae ay nagsisilbing patunay ng mataas na pangangailangan para sa lokal na talento at dekalidad na oportunidad sa lalawigan.

Nakapagtala ang matagumpay na job fair ng 427 na 36 BULAKENYONG • 5



(Dulong kaliwa) Si Carlo Galvez, Clerk I ng Provincial Public Employment Service Office kasama ang dalawa sa 36 na indibidwal na na-hired on the spot ng SSA Service Cooperative sa ginanap na Job Fair for Local Employment ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Bulacan na ginanap sa Robinsons Place Malolos, Lungsod ng Malolos, Bulacan.

## Esports World Federation (ESWF) Appoints Manny Pacquiao as Virtual Boxing Ambassador

The Esports World Federation (ESWF) proudly announces the appointment of the legendary Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao as its Esports World Federation Virtual Boxing Ambassador.

A global sports icon and the only eight-division world boxing champion, Pacquiao's remarkable career and dedication to excellence reflect the very values that define the esports community — discipline, perseverance, and passion.

"We are thrilled and honored to welcome Manny Pacquiao to the ESWF family," said Gio Colmenares Director of the Esports World Federation. "His legacy as an athlete and humanitarian inspires millions around the world, and his involvement will help strengthen the bridge between traditional sports and esports."

As ESWF's Virtual Boxing Ambassador, Pacquiao will play a vital role in promoting esports as a platform for unity, talent development, and global cooperation — championing the next generation of esports athletes and enthusiasts. (Nelson Santos)



## Latest Pinoy Tech, A Look at the Future of Cities and More in Metro Manila Science and Technology Week

Discover how technology is shaping tomorrow's cities at the 2025 DOST-NCR Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW)!

Innovative Pinoy-made technologies, a vision of what Philippine cities will look like in the future, and other attractions await science and technology enthusiasts and guests at the 2025 RSTW in NCR, which is happening from November 24 to 26, 2025 at the Technological Institute of the Philippines Quezon City campus in Cubao, Quezon City.

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