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# Bacoor Heroes Tower: A Monument of Memory, Courage, and Sacrifice

**Bacoor City, Cavite** — The Bacoor Heroes Tower was inaugurated today, serving as a monument of remembrance, courage, and sacrifice offered by the sons and daughters of Bacoor for the nation. The ceremony was led by Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, together with local government officials and the families of Bacoor's heroes.

The event became even more meaningful with the presence of the descendants of these heroes, who acted as living bridges between history and the present. Their participation reminded everyone that heroism is not merely part of the past, but a legacy continuously lived and honored today.

According to Congresswoman Mercado Revilla, the Bacoor Heroes Tower stands as a reminder and a call to value history, respect those who gave their lives, and carry forward the spirit of service to the nation.

Mayor Strike Revilla also attended the program, paying tribute to Bacoor's heroes and expressing support for initiatives that strengthen unity and love for the city.

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## More than 600 residents benefit from PGC's Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Halang, Naic

More than 600 residents of Barangay Halang, Naic benefited from a successful medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on January 20, aimed at bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community.



PGC'S MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION  
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The activity provided a wide range of free medical services, including general medical consultations, X-ray, electrocardiogram (ECG), and fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing. Dental services such as tooth extraction and den- MORE THAN • 4



Supreme Court of the Philippines  
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**LOOK:** The Supreme Court (SC) held its first regular en banc session on January 14, 2026 at the Ayuntamiento de Manila which served as its main office from 1938 to 1945. The SC paid homage to the building as part of its 125th founding anniversary celebrations.

# NEWS

## FFCCCII: Revised Economic Targets Must Spur Urgent Reforms

**Manila, Philippines –** The Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) called today for urgent national reforms following the government's recent revision of economic growth targets for 2026–2028.

The government now projects 5–6% growth in 2026, rising to 6–7% by 2028, citing the lingering impact of the DPWH flood-control corruption scandal and global trade uncertainties. FFCCCII warned that these figures must not limit the nation's ambition.

"To truly transform

lives, the Philippines must aim for 8% growth or more," said [Spokesperson Name], FFCCCII. "Ambition is not optional—it is necessary for meaningful job creation, poverty reduction, and inclusive prosperity."

While supporting the government's focus on health, education, and

employment, FFCCCII stressed that inclusivity can only emerge from a strong, fast-growing economy. Growth that benefits only a few, they noted, is growth betrayed.

The organization pointed to Vietnam, which achieved 8% growth in 2025 and targets 10% in 2026, as

proof that disciplined governance, investor confidence, and strategic reforms yield measurable results.

FFCCCII outlined key pillars for accelerating Philippine growth:

- \* Human Capital Development: Outcome-focused spending on education and public health to build a skilled workforce.

- \* Anti-Corruption Measures: Establish an independent, well-resourced agency to restore confidence.

- \* Industrial & Agricultural Growth: Support domestic production, reduce smuggling, and tackle unfair competition.

- \* Economics-First Diplomacy: Pursue foreign policies that open markets for Philippine goods and services.

- \* Infrastructure & Innovation: Accelerate infrastructure while investing in digital transforma-



tion, R&D, and green

technology.

- \* Tourism & Creative Economy: Promote the Philippines globally, creating jobs and showcasing national assets.

FFCCCII emphasized that favorable macroeconomic conditions, including lower inflation and prospective interest-rate

cuts, should serve as a launchpad for acceleration, not comfort.

"The revised targets reflect current momentum, but momentum can be changed," FFCCCII said.

"This is the decade to choose ambition over accommodation, reform over resignation, and action over excuses."

## TRAFFIC ENFORCER NG BACCOOR, PINARANGALAN DAHIL SA KATAPATAN AT PAGIGING HUWARAN

**Binigyang parangal ngayong araw ng LGU Bacoor ang traffic enforcer na si Kurt Ortiz, kasabay ng lingguhang flag ceremony, bilang pagkilala sa kanyang tapat at mapagmalasakit na pagkilos sa pagbabalik ng napulot na pitaka na naglalaman ng pera na pambili na napag-alamang pambili ng gamot ng apong may sakit.**



**Nasa larawan sina City Bacoor Mayor Strike Revilla, VM Rowena B. Mendiola and Ms. Leslie Dianne V. Morales, Head ng Bacoor Traffic Management Department kasama si Kurt Ortiz traffic enforcer na binigyan ng parangal.**

Si Kurt Ortiz, isang traffic enforcer ng lungsod, ay nakatanggap ng sertipiko ng pagkilala at 10,000 cash reward mula sa Local Government Unit (LGU). Sa naturang seremonya ay ibinahagi ang pagkilala at pasasalamat kay Ortiz upang binigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng pagiging tapat na lingkod bayani.

Magugunitang noong Enero 16, 2026, bandang 5:30 ng umaga sa Barangay Talaba III, Bacoor, natagpuan ni Ortiz ang isang pitaka na pag-aari ng isang senior citizen na kalaunan ay nakilala bilang si Tatay Romeo.

Hindi nag-atubiling ibalik ni Ortiz ang pitaka, na naglalaman ng humigit-kumulang P7,000 at iba pang mahahalagang ID, sa

tunay na may-ari nito.

Ang perang iyon ay hindi lamang ordinaryong pera para sa matanda — ito ay pambili ng gamot para sa kanyang apong nasa ospital, kaya't lubos ang pasasalamat ng pamilya.

Nagpahayag din ng taos pusong papuri ang mga kasamahan at opisyal ng Bacoor Traffic Management Office sa ginawang halimbawa ni Ortiz ng integridad at serbisyo publiko, na nagsisilbing inspirasyon hindi lamang sa mga kasamahan niya sa serbisyo kundi pati na rin sa buong komunidad.

Ang pagkilos ni Kurt Ortiz ay paalala na ang pagiging tapat at mapagmalasakit ay hindi nawawala — lalo na sa mga simpleng gawain na maaring magbigay ng

malaking kaginhawaan sa kapwa.

Sa panahon ng mga pagsubok sa araw araw na buhay, ang kwentong ito ay nagbibigay ng pag asa at inspirasyon sa lahat ng Bacooreno at mga Pilipino. Ang kwento ni Kurt Ortiz ay nagpapaalala sa atin na ang kabutihan ay nagsisimula sa maliliit na kilos.

Sa bawat pagkakataon na piliin nating maging tapat, magmalasakit, at tumulong sa kapwa, tayo ay nag-aambag sa mas maayos at mapagmahal na komunidad. Hindi kailangan ng malalaking yaman o posisyon upang gumawa ng tama—ang bawat mabuting gawa, gaano man kaliit, ay may malaking epekto sa buhay ng iba. **(Sid Samaniego)**



**2026 NEW YEAR'S CALL TO THE GOVERNOR.** Bulacan Governor Daniel R. Fernando and Vice Governor Alexis C. Castro together with (second from left) Philippine National Police Bulacan Provincial Director PCOL Angel L. Garcillano during the PNP Bulacan's 2026 New Year's Call to the Governor held last January 16, 2026 at the Balagtas Hall, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, City of Malolos, Bulacan. Also in the photo are (back row from left) Bustos MPS PCPT Heherson M. Zambale, Pulilan MPS Acting Chief PLTCOL Jerome Jay S. Ragonton, Baliwag Chief of Police PMAJ Jayson F. San Pedro, (front row from left) Provincial Administrator Antonia V. Constantino, Police Regional Office 3 Regional Staff Chief PCOL Maharlika Oscar Villasis, and PRO 3 Regional Community Affairs and Development Division Chief PCOL Ferdinand D. Germino. Sina Gobernador Daniel R. Fernando at Bise Gob. Alexis C. Castro kasama si (pangalawa mula sa kaliwa) Philippine National Police Bulacan Provincial Director PCOL Angel L. Garcillano sa ginanap na 2026 New Year's Call to the Governor noong Enero 16, 2026 sa Balagtas Hall, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Lungsod ng Malolos Bulacan. Kasama rin sa larawan sina (likod na hanay mula kaliwa) Bustos MPS PCPT PCPT Heherson M. Zambale Pulilan MPS Acting Chief PLTCOL Jerome Jay S. Ragonton, Baliwag Chief of Police PMAJ Jayson F. San Pedro, (unang hanay mula kaliwa) Panlalawigang Tagapangasiwa Antonia V. Constantino, Police Regional Office 3 Regional Staff Chief PCOL Maharlika Oscar Villasis, at PRO 3 Regional Community Affairs and Development Division Chief PCOL Ferdinand D. Germino.

## Editorial

### Restoring public trust

**I**n the wake of the Philippines' worst corruption scandal in recent memory, a growing and palpable sense of pessimism has set in, sapping public confidence in the nation's leaders and institutions.

Surveys conducted by major polling firms throughout 2025 reveal a significant and persistent decline in public trust and approval for government institutions, particularly the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The overall trend reflects growing public skepticism fueled by corruption scandals, economic concerns, and a perceived lack of accountability.

The most recent data from the Pahayag 2025 End-of-the-Year Survey, conducted from Dec. 7 to 10, paints a stark picture of declining institutional trust.

Trust in the Senate dropped significantly to 31 percent, with 57 percent of respondents expressing little or no trust in the chamber. Approval ratings also fell from 28 percent to 24 percent in the final quarter.

The House fared even worse in approval, sliding from 21 percent to 20 percent, and the chamber remains among the least trusted in the country.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and other top leaders have not fared any better. Recent surveys from late 2025 and early 2026 indicate a significant downward trend in public trust and approval for him and several top government officials.

Marcos registered significant declines in his trust ratings in the third and fourth quarters of 2025 in polls by Social Weather Stations (43 percent from 48 percent) and OCTA (57 percent from 64 percent).

Vice President Sara Duterte, a frequent critic of the administration, registered similar declines.

Analysts and survey data suggest that, to a large extent, this decline can be traced to the lack of accountability for corruption in high places.

While it is true that the president was first to expose flood control anomalies that allowed corrupt politicians, public works officials and private contractors to amass obscene amounts of ill-gotten wealth, there is a growing chasm between his promise to make all of them pay and what his officials in the Department of Justice and the Office of the Ombudsman have actually delivered.

Today, almost half a year since President Marcos used his State of the Nation Address to focus public attention on the plunder of public funds, none of the "big fish" have been jailed, much less arrested. The disgraced party-list lawmaker at the center of the corruption scandal continues to thumb his nose



at the administration, hiding in a country with which the Philippines has no extradition treaty. The government cannot even say for certain where he is, much less arrest him.

Meanwhile, other lawmakers flagged in Senate hearings as having benefited from the bribery scheme still have not been charged.

Moreover, the Independent Commission for Infrastructure, created by the president to gather evidence of wrongdoing in flood control projects, has been reduced to a commission of one after two of the three commissioners resigned.

Clearly, the administration urgently needs to address the undertone of impotence that has begun to permeate the public sphere.

The way to achieve this is not rhetoric and empty promises. The president and his men vowed that "big fish" in the corruption scandal would be in jail by Christmas, but very visibly failed to deliver on this promise. This is clearly where efforts to regain public trust must begin.

And it isn't only the flood control bribery scandal involved.

For far too long, the powerful have escaped real consequences for their actions. The vice president, for example, has consistently refused to answer questions about the way she spends public funds,

and offers truly incredible explanations for the bogus names in her list of recipients of confidential funds. Yet, by her clan's sheer influence in the legislature, she continues to evade impeachment.

Elsewhere, the senator who protected her from impeachment also evaded accountability for accepting P30 million in campaign contributions from a government contractor — an illegal act — by simply saying he thought the contractor was acting in a private capacity. And the Commission on Elections believed him.

Another senator has been absent from the Senate for two months for fear of being arrested for his role in the bloody war on crime when he was chief of police. Still, he continues to collect his salary, paid out from the taxes we pay. The Senate president defends this patently unfair situation by saying this has always been the way things have been done and says anyone who is unhappy with the situation can file an ethics complaint. Yet, not a single one among the 23 other senators would dare ruffle feathers in their exclusive club and file such a complaint. No wonder people distrust the Senate.

Incidents like these sap public confidence and reinforce the belief that the powerful are above the law.

This must stop.

### Buto, Osteoporosis at Fracture

**A**lam ninyo ba na...  
1. Ang sanggol ay may 300 buto sa katawan. Paglaki niya ay magiging 206 na lang ang mga buto. Ito ay dahil karamihan ng ating buto ay magdidikit na.

2. Mayroon tayong 14 na buto sa mukha, 8 buto sa wrist, at 23 buto sa paa.

3. Pagdating ng edad 20, halos kumpleto na ang bone mass o tigas ng ating buto. Dahil dito ay dapat tayong uminon ng gatas at kumain ng pagkaing mayaman sa calcium habang bata pa.

4. Isa sa 3 kababaihan ay may osteoporosis. Ngunit 1 lang sa 5 kalalalahanian ang may osteoporosis.

5. Kapag kulang ang calcium sa kinakain natin, kumukuha ang katawan ng calcium mula sa buto. Kaya hihina ang ating buto at magdudulot ng osteoporosis.

6. Ang isang sanggol ay kumukuha ng calcium mula sa gatas ng ina. Kaya dapat kumain ng maraming calcium ang mga nanay.

Pag-alaga ng buto:  
1. Bawat taon, may 1.6 milyong hip fractures sa buong mundo.

2. Para alagaan ang ating tuhod, umiwas sa mga tinatawag na high-impact exercises, tulad ng basketball, badminton, jogging at football. Mas hindi stressful sa tuhod ang swimming, walking at Taichi.

3. Kapag napilay, tandaan ang kodigong RICE. R –

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4. Mahirap maibalik sa dating lakas ang isang nasirang tuhod. Ingatan ito.

1. Ang pinakamatangkad na tao ay si Robert Pershing Wadlow, isang Americano na may 8 feet at 11 inches ang tangkad.

2. Ang pinakamaliit na tao ay si Gul Mohammed ng India na 22 inches lamang ang tangkad.

3. Ang pinakamahabang buto sa katawan natin ay ang buto sa hita. Ang buto ng hita ay nagbibigay ng 28% ng ating taas.

4. Ang pinakamabigat na tao sa buong mundo ay si Jon Minnoch na umabot sa timbang na 1,399 pounds.

5. Ang pinakamalakas na masel sa katawan ay ang masel ng panga, ang masseter, na ginagamit sa pag-nguya. Kaya mga kaibigan, mag-ingat na huwag ilagay ang daliri sa bibig ni baby. Baka makagat kayo ng masseter, ang pinakamalakas na masel.

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# NEWS

## Bacoor Heroes

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The Bacoor Heroes Tower is more than just a structure—it is a symbol of gratitude and recognition for the brave sons and daughters of Bacoor who dedicated their lives for freedom and the welfare of the people.

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development programs, noting that access to timely and science-backed information is crucial in empowering farmers and safeguarding livelihoods amid changing climate conditions.

The meeting also opened discussions on the Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park/

Ecozone Program, emphasizing its potential role as a hub for agri-innovation, research collaboration, and technology commercialization in the province.

North Cotabato's participation in the KIST Park/Ecozone orientation held in June 2025 was cited as an initial step toward fostering an enabling environment

for innovation-led growth. The courtesy visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, led by Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, and the Provincial Government of Cotabato, headed by Governor Emmylou Lala Taliño-Mendoza, to advance sustainable agriculture and innovation through strategic partnerships and science-based solutions.



## Moren than

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tal consultation were also made available to address the oral health needs of the beneficiaries.

The medical and dental services were rendered by the healthcare professionals from the

Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), who ensured the efficient delivery of quality and accessible healthcare to residents of the barangay.

The initiative reflects the continuing commit-

ment of the provincial government to promote the health and well-being of its constituents, especially those in grassroots communities. Residents expressed their gratitude for the timely and comprehensive services, which helped address their immediate medical and dental concerns. **(OPIO)**



## DOST, CINCO

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Sancho A. Maborang, with participation from Chairman Francisco "Popoy" Pagayon (FISMPC-CINCO), Chairman Reynaldo Sanches (ESWF-CINCO), ESWF President Arniel Guttierrez, and Henry V. Bayubay, President and CEO of BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc. Officers from DOST-CINCO and the Vi the Game Group were also present.

### Building a Broader, Homegrown Esports Ecosystem

The inclusion of SALPAKAN, a strategy- and leadership-driven competition, and Vi the Game, an emerging digital platform designed for competitive and educational engagement, transforms ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 into a multi-genre national esports movement.

This expansion highlights the shared commitment of organizers and DOST to support both globally recognized esports titles and Filipino-developed game concepts, strengthening local innovation while sustaining international competitiveness.

"Esports is no longer limited to a single title. By integrating SALPAKAN and Vi the Game, we are building a uniquely Filipino esports ecosystem that values strategy, leadership, innovation, and inclusivity," organizers said.

### Three Competitive Pillars

Presented by BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc., produced by CINCO Digital Inc. and the E-Sports World Federation (ESWF), and supported by DOST, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 will feature three major competition pillars:

- \* Mobile Legends – Official pathway to the World Cup
- \* SALPAKAN (Games of the General) – Strategy, leadership, and tactical competition
- \* Vi the Game – Digital innovation, emerging gameplay, and youth engagement

### Inclusive, Nationwide, and Innovation-Driven

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is inclusive by design, offering competition categories for Men, Women, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). With FREE entry, the tournament ensures nationwide accessibility and participation.

The event targets the mobilization of 1,200 teams across the Philippines, featuring three months of regional qualifiers leading to live national finals in March 2026.

Aligning Esports with DOST's Digital Development Agenda

The expanded tournament supports DOST's mandate to advance digital transformation, creative industries, and

youth-led innovation. SALPAKAN and Vi the Game are recognized for promoting critical thinking, leadership, STEM-aligned competencies, and responsible digital engagement, helping prepare Filipino youth for the future workforce.

### Beyond Competition: A National Digital Movement

With projected online viewership ranging from 1 to 5 million, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is positioned as a major national platform for esports and digital culture, generating:

- \* New digital and creative industry jobs
- \* Opportunities for Filipino game developers
- \* Youth leadership and skills development
- \* Strong national pride through global and homegrown competition

A Unified Vision for Philippine Esports

Stakeholders reaffirmed their shared commitment to building a sustainable, ethical, and globally competitive Philippine esports ecosystem, where international titles and Filipino-developed games coexist and thrive.

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is more than a tournament—it is a national movement that brings together technology, talent, culture, and innovation to propel the Philippines onto the global esports stage.

"ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 – Where the Philippines Enters the Global Arena" **(NPO News Team)**

## Rigel R. Gomez

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Recognized by Philippine government agencies and the Office of the President,

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Previous winners from the Philippines include Kelvin Lee, SEC commissioner, and Avin Ong, CEO of Fredley group of companies.

**SM CITY TANZA**

# WHAT'S NEW

**ISports**  
SECOND LEVEL  
SM CITY TANZA

**ISports** is now open at SM City Tanza: Looking for a fun way for kids to bond and stay active? Bring them along for exciting playtime, laughter, and special moments together with the family. ISports is now open at SM City Tanza located the Second Level

# DOST Continues 2025 NSTW Momentum with MAGHANDA for Kids Program in Region I

Continuing the momentum of the 2025 National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW) held in Laoag City, the Department of Science and Technology–Ilocos Region (DOST–Ilocos), in partnership with the Department of Education Region I, brought the MAGHANDA for Kids program to the 3rd Mangidaulo Rehiyon Uno: Regional Learners’ Convergence in Bolinao, Pangasinan. The program aimed to strengthen disaster risk reduction (DRR) awareness among young learners through age-appropriate, science-based discussions and hands-on activities.

During the morning sessions, experts from DOST–PAGASA engaged students in interactive lectures and workshops. Ms. Sharon Juliet M. Arruejo, Assistant Weather Specialist, led the session “Understanding Clouds: The Science

Behind Fluffy Skies,” guiding learners through cloud formation and hands-on experiments that demonstrated how clouds are formed. She also facilitated “Storm Chaser 101: Unraveling the Secrets of Tropical Cyclones,” where stu-

dents practiced basic typhoon tracking and learned how meteorologists monitor tropical storms.

Meanwhile, Engr. Richard C. Orendain, Weather Facilities Specialist III, conducted engaging lecture-work-



shops on flood dynamics and the water cycle. These included practical activities such as river transect walks, which illustrated how rainfall and river systems contribute

to flooding. The exercises allowed students to apply scientific principles to real-world scenarios, deepening their understanding of hydrometeorologi-

cal hazards. Through these discussions and hands-on activities, student learners from Region I gained practical knowledge on disaster preparedness,

climate science, and weather monitoring—equipping them with essential skills to better respond to natural hazards in their communities. **(Lemuel Castigo)**



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## Ternate Stands Proud Behind Joyce Barcelona in Miss Universe Philippines – Cavite

The Municipality of Ternate beams with pride as it rallies behind Joyce Barcelona, the town’s representative in the prestigious Miss Universe Philippines – Cavite competition. With her grace, intelligence, and determination, Joyce embodies the values and spirit of Ternate, carrying the hopes of her community onto the national stage.



Mayor Lamberto Bambao expressed his full support for Joyce, emphasizing that her journey is not only a personal achievement but also a source of inspiration for the entire town. “May you continue to inspire and make our town proud,” Mayor Bambao remarked, underscoring the importance of celebrating local talent and empowering women to shine in their chosen fields.

The people of Ternate have united in encouragement, showing that the strength of a community lies in its

ability to uplift its representatives. Joyce’s participation in Miss Universe Philippines – Cavite is a testament to the town’s commitment to excellence, culture, and pride.

As the competition unfolds, Mayor Bambao and the Municipality of Ternate reaffirm their dedication to supporting Joyce Barcelona every step of the way. Her journey reflects the resilience and beauty of Ternate, proving that when a community stands together, its representative can truly shine on the grandest stage.

# NEWS

## PAGKILALA SA KATALINUHAN AT KULTURANG FILIPINO: GAWAD BALMASEDA 2026, ITINANGHAL ANG PINAKAMAHUSAY NA TESIS AT DISERTASYON

Pinatunayan ng mga mananaliksik na ang wikang Filipino ay patuloy na nagiging mabisang daluyan ng intelektuwalisasyon at pag-unlad ng kultura sa akademya.

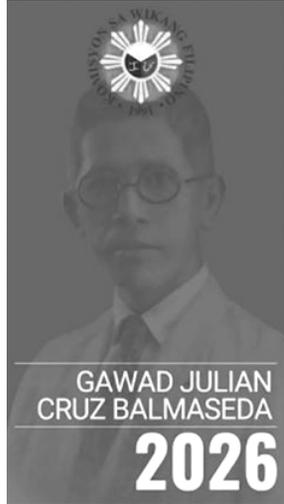
Sa taunang Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda 2026 na inorganisa ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), ginawaran ng prestihiyosong pagkilala at premyong PHP100,000.00 ang dalawang natatanging mananaliksik para sa kanilang ambag sa larangan ng panitikan at agham panlipunan.

Si Ferdinand P. Jarin, PhD, mula sa De La Salle University-Manila, ay itinanghal bilang mayakda ng pinakamahusay na disertasyon sa taong ito para sa kaniyang gawaing pinamagatang "Ang Kalyeng Walang Kamatayan: Ang

Paglalandas ni Leoncio P. Deriada sa Panitikan ng Banwa at Bansa.

"Sa pamamagitan ng komprehensibong pamamaraan, nailahad ni Jarin kung paano naisasalamain ng panitikan ni Leoncio P. Deriada ang kongkretisasyon ng panitikang rehiyonal at ang ugnayan nito sa pambansang identidad. Tinukoy ng disertasyon ang pag-iral at pagusbong ng panitikan ng Kanlurang Visayas sa kontemporaneong panahon.

Sa pagtatanghal ng piling akda ni Deriada, ipinakita ni Jarin ang

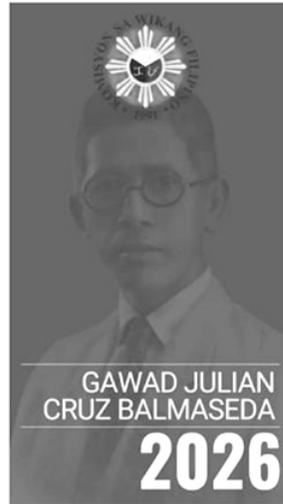


malinaw na sensibilidad, malikhaing pananaw, at konsepto ng pagkabansa, na nagbubukas ng mas malalim na pag-unawa sa relasyon ng panitikang rehiyonal at pambansa. Ayon sa KWF, ang



**DARWIN P. PLAZA**  
Tesis  
"Gakot at Paglaban sa Kalamidad ng mga taga-Partido Erya sa Bicol, Pilipinas"

gawaing ito ay "patuloy na hinahawan ang landas para sa mas malawak na pagdurugtong ng panitikang lokal at pambansa." Kasabay ni Jarin, pinarangalan din si Darwin P. Plaza para sa kanyang pinakamahusay na tesis masterado, na pinamagatang "Gakot at Paglaban sa Kalamidad ng mga Taga-Partido Erya sa Bicol, Pilipinas" mula sa Ateneo de Naga University. Nakatuon ang pag-aaral ni Plaza sa katutubong kaalaman sa paghahanda sa kalamidad ng mga tabing-dagat na komunidad sa Partido Erya, Bicol. Pinatunayan ng tesis na ang tradisyunal na pamamaraan ng gakot ay isang mabisang



estrategiya na nagpoprotekta sa mga komunidad laban sa panganib ng kalikasan. Bukod sa pagdokumento sa kaalaman at karanasan ng mga lokal, binigyang-diin ng mananaliksik ang kahalagahan ng pagpapanatili at pagpapahalaga sa lokal na kultura at tradisyon. Ayon sa KWF, ang tesis ni Plaza ay isang mahalagang ambag sa pagtuturo ng Filipino, Kasaysayan, at iba pang asignatura na naglalayong palalimin ang pagpapahalaga sa lokal na identidad. Ang Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda ay isang prestihiyosong parangal na naglalayong kilalanin ang mga natatanging tesis at disertasyon na



**FERDINAND P. JARIN**  
Disertasyon  
"Ang Kalyeng Walang Kamatayan: Ang Paglalandas ni Leoncio P. Deriada sa Panitikan ng Banwa at Bansa"

isinulat gamit ang wikang Filipino sa iba't ibang larangan—mula agham panlipunan at panitikan hanggang matematika at agham pangkalikasan. Layunin ng programa na hikayatin ang paggamit ng wikang Filipino sa akademya, palaganapin ang intelektuwalisasyon ng wika, at isulong ang modernisasyon ng Filipino bilang instrumento ng kaalaman at pananaliksik.

Sa pamamagitan ng pagkilala kay Jarin at Plaza, muling pinatunayan na ang wikang Filipino ay hindi lamang daluyan ng komunikasyon kundi mabisang kasangkapan sa paghubog ng talino, kultura, at pambansang kamalayan. (sid samaniego)

## Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente Leads Flag Raising Ceremony and Recognition of Rosario's Achievements

Rosario, Cavite – The Local Government of Rosario, Cavite, led by Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente, Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales, and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, held its Flag Raising Ceremony this morning, showcasing unity and commitment to public service.



Alongside the ceremony, several awards and recognitions were presented to the municipality, affirming Rosario's excellence in governance and its significant contributions to local development. Among the honors were

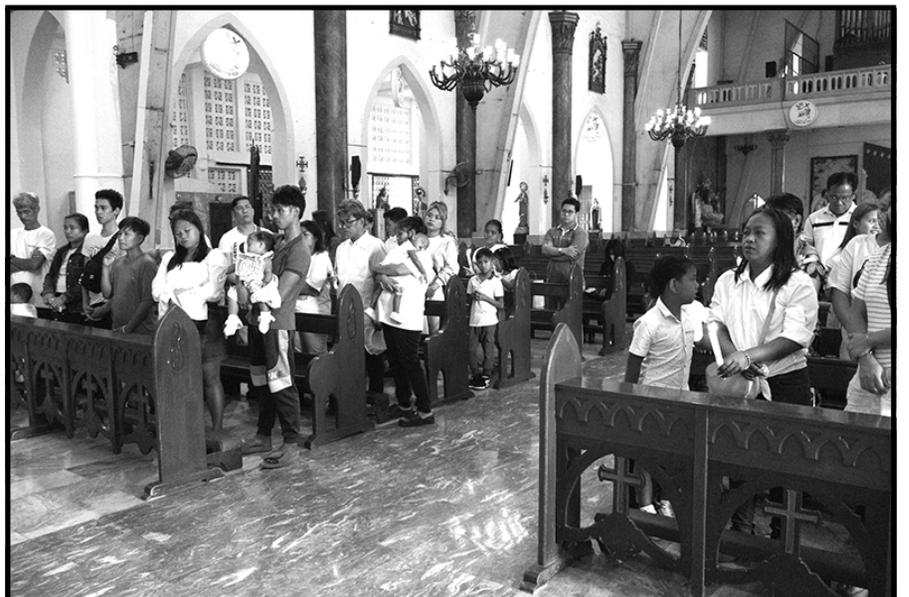
citations for having the Highest Number of Cooperative Transactions and the Most Jobs Generated by Cooperatives. The town also received a High Functional Rating for the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) in the 2023 ADAC Functionality

Audit and a High Performance Rating for the Peace and Order Council (POC) in the 2024 POC Performance Audit.

In his message, Mayor Ricafrente expressed gratitude to the people of Rosario for their continued trust and support. He assured that the local government will sustain its programs and initiatives to achieve the vision of a Bayang Tahimik, Masaya, at Maunlad.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from COMELEC, DILG, PNP, BFP, DepEd, and the Punong Barangay of Rosario, further reflecting the collaborative spirit between government agencies and the local community.

These recognitions stand as a testament to the dedication of Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente and the entire local government in promoting peace, safety, and progress for all Rosarilians.



The Christian community and the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation warmly welcomed the children of our beneficiaries into the faith, surrounded by their families, ninongs, ninangs, and cherished guests. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Donita Tapay and Manpower Group Philippines for their generous support, which made it possible to offer free baptisms for these precious little ones at the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Espiritu Santo. The celebration continued with a joyful gathering and shared meal at Jollibee Tayuman. Truly, a beautiful testament to God's grace and the power of a loving community.

# MAGLIBANG TAYO

## KAPALARAN

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** - Humingi ka ng tulong sa may kakayahan. Hindi masama ang humingi ng tulong; ang masama ay ang pananaw na hindi mo kailanman kailangan ang tulong ng iba. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-9-20-27-31-36-44.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)** - Dapat mong tanggapin ang reyalidad na paminsan-minsan, nagaganap talaga ang hindi pagkakaunawaan. Ito ang mensahe sa iyo sa araw na ito. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-6-19-28-30-37-42.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** - Mabilis na babalik sa'yo ang mga suwerte na pinalagpas mo dahil masyado kang abala sa nakaraan at sa maling pakikipagrelasyon. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-8-10-14-24-31-43.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** - Ngayon mo higit kailangan ang positibong pananaw, lalo na't hindi magagandang bagay ang nagaganap sa iyong paligid. Kapag naging positibo ka na, makikita mo ang sunud-sunod na suwerteng darating. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-5-12-20-23-33-40.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Kapag hindi sila nakiisa, huwag mo nang pilitin. Kapag pinilit mo silang makasama, dadagdag lang sila sa problema mo. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-7-11-25-32-35-44.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Lumagay ka sa gitna. Isa ka sa mga tagapamagitan sa mundo, ang tagapamagitan ay laging nasa gitna. Sa ganitong paraan, maaayos mo ang anumang gulo. Masuwerteng kulay-aquamarine. Tips sa lotto-5-18-21-30-37-41.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Huwag mong talikuran ang masayang personalidad at kabaitan mo, dahil malaki ang maitutulong nito para pagpalain at lalo ka pang suwertehin. Masuwerteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-2-13-22-28-32-45.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Hindi mo kailangan ng dagdag na kaibigan, lalo na kung magiging pabigat lamang sila. Mamili ka ng mga makakatulong sa iyo para makamit mo ang pangarap mo. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-4-17-29-36-38-40.

**SAGITTARIUS (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Masikip ba ang mundo mo at dama mo bang hindi ka makausad? Bigyang-luwag mo ang iyong sarili, at unahin ang magagaan. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-7-14-20-26-34-42.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Makikita mo sa galit ng iba ang larawan ng iyong pagkatao. Kaya huwag mo silang aawayin; sa halip, pakitaan mo sila ng kabutihan. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-8-10-19-27-39-41.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Masuwerte ka ngayon. Alam mo kung sino naman ang mamalasin? Sino pa nga, eh 'di 'yung lihim na naghahangad na mabigo ka. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-4-13-17-23-37-44.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** - Kung kaya mo, gawin mo na ang gusto mo. Bakit ka pa hihingi ng tulong sa mga taong hunghang, na ang iniisip lang ay gantimpala kapalit ng tulong. Hindi na, uy! Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-1-18-20-31-38-45.

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### SAGOT: SUDOKU VOL. 22 #46

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

**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?



**CLEVELAND ONCE HAD THE COUNTRY'S FIFTH-LARGEST POPULATION OF ANY CITY**

Cleveland, Ohio, used to be one of the most populated cities in the country. Data from the 1920 U.S. census indicates that Cleveland had one of the largest urban populations in the United States, behind only Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York City.

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### Phobias

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# CFO and Manila Bulletin to Explore Potential Collaboration



The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Secretary Dante “Klink” Ang II met with Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation President, Emilio C. Yap III, to discuss possible partnerships for the Commission's upcoming projects and initiatives.

Secretary Ang provided an overview of the Commission's general work and highlighted the upcoming Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). Mr. Yap III acknowledged the importance of the Commission's initiatives, agreeing on the need to perceive more stories of excellence among Filipinos overseas to inspire the greater public.

## DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Engages Cotabato Vice Governor on Project SARAI for Smart Agriculture

Amas, Kidapawan City | The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) SOCCSKSARGEN Project SARAI team, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of Vice Governor Rochella Marie Ella Taliño Taray, on January 12, 2026, at Amas, Kidapawan City. This is part of its continuing engagement with provincial and local leaders to strengthen science- and technology-driven agriculture in North Cotabato.



The discussion highlighted how Project SARAI—Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines—can support evidence-based planning and policy formulation for the province's agricultural sector. The team shared how climate, crop, and data analytics generated by SARAI can be translated into practical tools that guide farmers and local decision-makers in improving productivity and climate resilience.

Vice Governor Taliño-Taray welcomed the initiative and stressed the importance of integrating smart agriculture solutions into provincial **DOST • 4**



## Rigel R. Gomez 2025 Asia's Most Admirable Young Leaders Winner, ACES Awards

With great pride, we congratulate Rigel R. Gomez, President of BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies Corporation, on his recognition as a 2025 Asia's Most Admirable Young Leaders Winner by the ACES Awards. This prestigious honor reflects his visionary leadership, passion for innovation, and significant impact on the pharmaceutical and scientific community.



Under his leadership, BauerTek has become a world-class research, development, and manufacturing facility in Bulacan, Philippines, recognized globally for excellence. Rigel is also one of the inventors of PiCur, the world's most powerful anti-cancer supplement, awarded a Gold Medal at the ENNOVATE International Innovation and Invention Summit. **RIGEL R. GOMEZ • 4**

## DOST, CINCO Digital, ESWF, and BB 88 Expand ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 with SALPAKAN and Vi the Game Competitions



Bicutan, Taguig City — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with key leaders in the Philippine esports and digital innovation sectors, has officially announced a major expansion of ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026, introducing SALPAKAN (Games of the General) and Vi the Game alongside its flagship Mobile Legends National Tournament – Road to the World Cup.

The announcement was made during a high-level meeting at DOST Bicutan led by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. **DOST, CINCO • 4**