



# PBBM leads aid in GenTri, rolls out presidential scholarship, teases PGH branch in Cavite

**CAVITE** — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday, May 4, led the “Sa General Trias, Bawat Barangay Makikinabang” event at the General Trias Sports Park in Cavite, ensuring government resources, including subsidies and scholarships, reach the barangay level and allow local government units (LGUs) to respond more effectively to the needs of their communities.

Under the “Sa Bagong Pilipinas, Bawat Bayan Makikinabang” initiative launched in February, Bawat Barangay Makikinabang aims to utilize the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) more efficiently, eliminating bureaucratic processes that often delay project implementation and government support. **PBBM LEADS • 4**

## Provincial government delivers essential healthcare services in GMA



**The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on May 5, in Barangay Teniente Tiago, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite.**

The outreach program provided free healthcare services to 435 beneficiaries, including 425 medical consultations, 62 dental extractions, **PROVINCIAL • 5**

## PBBM Opens CALAX Subsection 3, Boosts South Luzon Connectivity

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the opening of the 7.88-km Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, extending the expressway from Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor’s Drive Interchange in General Trias, Cavite. The new segment is expected to further ease congestion and cut travel time between Biñan, Laguna, and Gen. Trias, Cavite, to just 26 minutes from one (1) hour, further strengthening South Luzon’s transport network.



Designed to accommodate additional 6,000 motorists daily, Subsection 3 provides a faster alternative route for commuters and businesses by bypassing heavily congested local roads in Cavite’s growing industrial and residential corridors.

With this milestone, the operational length of CALAX now spans 26 kilometers from the Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna. **PBBM OPENS • 5**



# NEWS

## DOST-Laguna empowers Sta. Catalina Farmers Association (SCAFA) through bamboo preservation training

What started as a training on bamboo durability turned into a pathway for Sta. Catalina farmers to boost product quality and secure sustainable income.

DOST Laguna, through the Provincial Science and Technology Office – Laguna under the leadership of Provincial Director, Ms. Agnes G. Morales,

### DTI Laguna Joins NHA People's Caravan Held in Santa Rosa City

**Santa Rosa City —** The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office joined the National Housing Authority (NHA)-led People's Caravan, together with other national government agencies, held on April 29 at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex in Brgy. Tagapo, Santa Rosa City, Laguna, under the theme "Serbisyon Dala ay Pag-asa."



The program emphasized the importance of collaboration in public service and strengthened partnerships in delivering accessible government services to communities. A key highlight was the awarding of fifty (50) Transfer Certificates of Title to families from Southville 4 and the Villa Santa Rosa Housing Project, securing home ownership and ensuring long-term stability. In addition, thirty (30) beneficiaries received certificates in coordination with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), expanding access to government support programs.

The activity demonstrated an integrated service delivery approach through inter-agency cooperation. Participating agencies provided services such as

livelihood assistance, healthcare, and social support, reinforcing efforts toward holistic community development. Service booths were also set up, allowing participants to explore livelihood opportunities and access business-related information and government services.

At the DTI booth, Negosyo Center Business Counselor Nicka Atayde assisted both potential and existing entrepreneurs. Services focused on streamlining business registration processes and improving access to entrepreneurship support. Ms. Atayde also provided guidance on loan programs offered by the Small Business Corporation to help interested clients secure capital for business growth and sustainability.

"These services are

part of DTI's effort to ensure that beneficiaries of government programs like the NHA People's Caravan are not only provided with assistance, but are also given pathways to start or strengthen their own livelihoods through easier business registration and access to financing," Atayde said.

The People's Caravan served as a platform for DTI Laguna and other partner agencies to deliver accessible government services to communities. DTI Laguna's participation reflects its commitment to inclusive economic development by bringing livelihood opportunities, business assistance, and other support services closer to the public through inter-agency collaboration (NJDAtayde, DTI Laguna).



successfully organized the Technology Training on Bamboo Treatment and Preservation Techniques for the Sta. Catalina Farmers Association (SCAFA) on April 23, 2026, in Brgy. Sta. Catalina, San Pablo City, Laguna. In collaboration with DOST-FPRDI, headed by Ms. Jenny Arcebucho, and the Laguna State Polytechnic University – CBAA – SPCC, led by Mr. Guillermo Briones, the training gathered 18 participants (13 male, 5 female) eager to learn sustainable bamboo preservation practices.

Resource speakers from DOST-FPRDI, Ms. Elaine P. Omalin, Ms. Sheryll C. Micoso, and

Ms. Mylene D. Rizare provided lectures on bamboo durability, agents of deterioration, termite management, and preservation methods using FPA-registered wood preservatives. Meanwhile, Ms. Aira L. Fraga and Ms. Catherine D. Masacayan led the practical component, conducting hands-on demonstrations on brushing and injection methods, including live application of Solignum for preventive and remedial treatment.

The training was well-received, empowering participants with science-based knowledge and practical skills to improve bamboo du-

rability, product quality, and sustainability. A follow-up-on-site application of techniques at bamboo planting areas is scheduled for June 2026.

This initiative reflects DOST-Laguna's and DOST-FPRDI's strong commitment to empowering farmers by promoting science-based bamboo preservation practices. Through lecturers and hands-on demonstrations, participants gained practical skills to improve durability, enhance product quality, and create livelihood opportunities – turning bamboo preservation into community sustainability. **(By Ana Marie B. Brucal)**

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In the morning, Engr. Jean Paulene Alvarez-Castillo discussed sanitation fundamentals, emphasizing the importance of permits and proper facility conditions like lighting, ventilation, and maintenance. Mr. Michael R. Carpio also introduced DOST support programs, guiding MSMEs on available tech-

nological and financial assistance. The afternoon session covered hazard management, where Mr. Carpio explained biological, chemical, and physical risks and how to control them using FATTOM factors (Food, Acidity, Time, Temperature, Oxygen, Moisture).

The effectiveness of

the training was confirmed through comparative evaluations, which showed a significant increase in participant comprehension.

The activity concluded with the entrepreneurs expressing a renewed commitment to overhauling their production practices, successfully bridging the gap between regulatory theory and practical MSME application. **(By Jherome L. Lusterio)**

### Smart farming

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DOST-Cavite Provincial Director Ms. Gilda S. De Jesus emphasized the importance of advancing the agricultural sector through science and technology.

She noted that innovations like agricultural mapping play a vital role in building a more resilient and

sustainable food system for both the province and the country.

Engr. John Carlo B. Micaya, Lead Researcher for the SARAI CeNTRO project and Project Technical Specialist III of DOST CALABARZON, served as the resource speaker. He discussed how mapping technologies can help

identify land potential, monitor crop health, and optimize resource allocation—enabling farmers and planners to make informed, sustainable decisions.

With a successful opening episode, TECH IT OFF continues its mission to bridge the gap between technology and real-world application, empowering Filipinos to embrace innovation in agriculture. **(By Marielle P. Nueva)**

## Editorial

### Psychosocial risks contribute to a toxic workplace

**T**HE International Labor Organization (ILO) reports that more than 840,000 workers die each year from health conditions linked to psychosocial risks, including long working hours, job insecurity, workplace harassment, and bullying.

In its study, titled "The psychosocial working environment: Global developments and pathways for action," ILO found that today's jobs are designed, organized and managed in such a way that they have a major impact on worker health and safety.

Simply put, the psychosocial risks are built-in issues that contribute to a toxic working environment.

"Psychosocial risks are becoming one of the most significant challenges of occupational safety and health (OSH) in the modern world of work," said Manal Azzi, ILO team leader on OSH policy and systems. "Improving the psychosocial working environment is essential not only for protecting workers' mental and physical health, but also for strengthening productivity, organizational performance and sustainable economic development."

The figures cited by ILO are eye-openers:

- Psychosocial risks lead to the loss of nearly 45 million disability-adjusted life years each year.
- 1.37 percent of the global gross domestic product is lost annually due to cardiovascular disease and mental disorders associated with psychosocial risk factors.
- 35 percent of workers work more than 48 hours a week.
- 25 percent of workers have experienced at least one form of violence or harassment.

In its own study, another United Nations agency, the World Health Organization (WHO), found that more than half of the world's workers are in the informal economy, where they are exposed to "unsafe working environments, work long hours, have little or no access to social or financial protections and face discrimination, all of which can undermine mental health."

Khalid Hassan, ILO country director for the



Philippines, adds a deeper dimension in probing psychosocial risks in the country's workplaces.

For Hassan, the issue "is not simply how many jobs we create, but the conditions under which people work."

Today, psychosocial problems are still treated as secondary labor concerns. "In reality, they sit at the center of some of the most serious labor challenges."

In fishing, aquaculture and mining — sectors where work can be remote, informal and weakly regulated — psychosocial pressures "combine with economic vulnerability to create conditions where exploitation can take root. Isolation, debt, unstable income and pressure to produce can trap workers in abusive situations."

"Where oversight is weak and workers lack voice, the line between poor working conditions and forced labor can become dangerously thin," Hassan said.

The impact of psychosocial risks on the household is equally concerning. "When adults are unable to secure stable and decent work, children are often drawn into labor — particularly in agriculture, small-scale mining and informal services," he added.

Psychosocial hazards do not only concern work-related stress — "they are part of the pathway that can lead to forced labor and child labor."

Hassan credits the Philippine government for taking an important step by ratifying the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190). It is

"a clear commitment to ensure that work is free from violence and harassment — whether physical, psychological or economic," he said.

Philippine labor and occupational safety and health laws already provide protection for the workers' physical and mental well-being. The bigger challenge is strictly enforcing these laws.

"Without this, progress risks remaining uneven," Hassan said.

To be effective, protecting workers' psychosocial well-being must be a commitment shared by employees and employers.

Management must have in place a risk assessment mechanism to identify psychosocial hazards, and ensure managers and supervisors are competent or trained to deal with such risks.

Employees, meanwhile, must abide by policies or procedures for dealing with psychosocial hazards, and bring any issues that make them unable to manage or do their work to their employer's attention

"Work must not come at the cost of dignity. Ensuring this is not only a social obligation; it is [also] essential for strengthening labor market performance, sustaining investor confidence and maintaining the Philippines' credibility in an increasingly standards-driven global economy."

WHO considers a safe and healthy working environment not only as a fundamental right, but as the ideal setting that minimizes tension and conflicts, "and improves staff retention, work performance and productivity."

## Foods To Make You Beautiful

**M**any are asking, what is good to eat to improve skin? Appearance is important because it's the first thing we see when we talk to someone.

Wrinkles or wrinkles are caused by a decrease in collagen and elastin effect of aging. Anti-oxidants like vitamins A, C, E and selenium are defenses against free radicals that destroy cells.

1. Vitamin A or beta carotene is for body tissue repair and protection against sun damage. Foods rich in vitamin A or beta carotene are sweet potatoes, Carrots, Squash, tomatoes, guava, lettuce, mango and spinach.
2. Vitamin C helps produce collagen and protects against free radicals. Guava, mango, calamansi, orange, chili, melon, strawberry, okra, pineapple, papaya and watermelon are rich in vitamin C.
3. Vitamin E is cell membrane protection. It has avocado, peanuts, red bell pepper, mango, papaya broccoli and tomato paste.
4. Selenium is needed for possible protection from sun damage. Oyster, tilapia, beef, shrimp, brown rice, chicken breast, egg, mushroom, canned tuna.
5. Zinc is needed to preserve collagen and prevent redness, peeling, nana or skin infections. Eat oysters, beef, tenderloin or pork, peanut butter, cash-

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ni Dr. Willie Ong



- ews, peanuts, walnuts, and green peas.
6. Omega 3 fatty acids are sun damage protection. Foods rich in omega-3 are sardines, anchovies, tawilis, hasa-hasa, alumahan, galunggong, tamban, walnuts, oysters, seaweeds or nori.
7. Drink enough water to eat fruits and vegetables that are hydrated like watermelon, papaya, pineapple, peppers, melon, mango, calamansi, orange, broccoli, Carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, mushroom and squash.
8. Tea is also good because it has polyphenols, anti-oxidants and water.
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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND),  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

FNC-2023-545

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure  
Of Real Estate Mortgage under  
Act 3135, as Amended by Act 4118

RICA JOY C. CARONAN,  
Mortgagor.

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## NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on February 07, 2020 by Mortgagor, **RICA JOY C. CARONAN**, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with postal residence and postal address at 9088 ANTERO SORIANO HWAY, SAHUD ULAN, TANZA, CAVITE, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021026506** of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE PESOS & 62/100 (P413,421.62)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of May 30, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Janelle V. Lagadon, will sell at public auction on **June 1, 2026 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2021026506

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF TIMALAN BALSAHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

**LOT NO: 47 BLOCK NO: 21 PLAN NO: PSD-04-236234 PORTION OF:** PCN-04-001973 LRC REC. NO. 8340  
**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF TIMALAN BALSAHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON (Continued on next page)

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of  
**Owner: RICA JOY C. CARONAN**, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZEN

**Address:** 9088 ANTERO SORIANO HWAY, SAHUD ULAN, TANZA, CAVITE

as owner thereof in fee simple, subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be subsisting.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered as follows:

Case No.: Record No.: 8340  
Orig. Reg. Date: 04 05 1913 Decree No.: 10213  
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Original Owner:

This certificate is a transfer from **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017050841 (TOTALLY CANCELLED)** by virtue hereof in so far as the above-described land is concerned. Entered at Province of Cavite, Philippines on the 4th day of May 2021 at 07:52pm.

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## PBBM leads

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In 2025, the national LGSF budget sat at PHP24 billion. This year, the government increased the allocation, bringing the total to almost PhP58 billion, the highest in history.

"Ang ginawa po namin ay lahat ng probinsya, lahat ng lungsod, lahat ng mga bayan ay kukuha po tayo dun sa pondong 'yan at ipinamimigay natin sa ating mga local government officials," Marcos said, addressing over 2,300 Gentriseños in attendance.

The president reiterated that the program is not a response to the current oil crisis, but rather an initiative implemented at the right time.

"Suwerte lang tayo, mahal talaga, mahal talaga ng Diyos ang Pilipinas dahil naisabay ang ating programa," he commented.

Marcos explained that, despite aid from the LGSF, their funding includes a provision requiring LGUs to provide rice assistance to residents in need.

"Bawat dalawang buwan may 10 kilo ng bigas para naman matiyak natin... para naman matiyak natin ang food supply ng ating mga kababayan na nangangailangan ng tulong."

Local government units have identified the benefi-

### BOUNDARIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT (S)                         |
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| 1-2  | SW        | LOT 62, BLOCK 21, PSD-04-236234           |
| 2-3  | NW        | LOT 46, BLOCK 21, PSD-04-236234           |
| 3-4  | NE        | ROAD LOT 18 (6.50 M. WIDE), PSD-04-236234 |
| 4-1  | SE        | LOT 48, BLOCK 21, PSD-04-236234           |

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Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2021026506** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Naic, Cavite, April 29, 2026

(Sgd.) **JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA**  
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ciary list, and rice distribution will be implemented bi-monthly across 33 barangays in General Trias. During the event, 2000 rice beneficiaries from the barangays of San Francisco and Santiago were the first recipients of the program.

In addition, the Socio-Civic Projects Fund is set at PHP200,000 per barangay, with half allotted to five scholars per barangay, who will each receive PHP20,000.

Marcos believes education will sustain the nation, highlighting the need for the next generation of well-educated leaders and citizens.

"Kahit ano pang mangyari sa buhay niyo, hindi ito pwedeng kunin sa inyo, hindi ito pwedeng agawin sa inyo, hindi ito pwedeng nakawin sa inyo," he said to the scholars.

The president added, "Kailangan na namin kayo... 'pag natapos na kami, kailangan ready na kayo kaya't kailangang mag-aral kayo nang mabuti."

Given the number of barangays in the city, General Trias is set to have 165 college Presidential Scholars.

### A shocking surprise

Several students applied for the scholarship through their barangays, unaware they were vying to become presidential scholars. One of them was John Christian A. Martos, a college student from Pasong Kawayan II. Martos, who is currently taking Development Management at Cavite State University - Indang. He described his experience in one word—shocking.

Martos recounted that the call for scholarship applicants came through their homeowners association, which regularly relayed information from their barangay. He submitted his personal and academic documents to the barangay office and was informed a few weeks later that he had secured a slot. All along, he had expected the program to be an initiative of their LGU.

Come Monday, the heightened security protocols at the venue caught Martos off guard.

"I don't know if sa akin lang po or pati sa ibang scholars, na-shock lang po ako na madaming media, madaming pulis," Martos told PMC.

"Akala ko po is initiative

lang po siya ng mga barangay... at saka hindi ko pa po kasi siya naririnig about sa presidential scholars."

Now in his third year, Martos emphasized that aside from financial support, he hopes that government scholars will be provided with financial literacy training as well.

"Actually po sa akin po, yes [malaking tulong po ito], pero if ever sa amin pong lahat, mas maganda po sana kung yung project o yung program nila na ito ay may kaakibat na financial literacy Kasi po pondo po 'yun ng mga tao na nasa Pilipinas. Mas maganda po siguro kung sustained po yung pera at hindi po mauubos agad, at alam po ng mga bata o estudyante kung saan gagamitin yung pera."

Martos explained that, aside from his school fees, he plans to use his stipend for his thesis, mobile data for online classes, and his fare on days when classes are face-to-face.

### Boosting local healthcare

Marcos teased the opening of a Philippine General Hospital (PGH) branch in Carmona, Cavite, the first outside the metro. Under the University of the Philippines system, PGH is the largest state-owned tertiary hospital in the Philippines.

Plans for the provincial branch were first announced in 2024 by then-Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla. Remulla, who was present at the event, is now the Interior secretary.

"Ang title ni Sec. Jonvic ay secretary of all local governments pero parang nauuna 'yung Cavite lagi eh. Nakakahalata na kami sa Cabinet meeting, puro Cavite 'yung naririnig namin sa ating butihing secretary. Pero mabuti 'yan dahil lumalaki po ang populasyon ng Cavite," Marcos quipped.

Current data from the Philippine Statistics Authority show a total of 4.6 million residents in Cavite. Marcos announced a 200-bed capacity for the hospital, about 400 beds short of the 600 beds Remulla cited two years ago.

Groundbreaking is set for this May, though the president did not disclose further information on the hospital's completion or operations. **(by Mia Rosienna Mallari)**



# LEGAL NOTICES

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**LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus- **EJF NO. TG-26-018**  
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage  
[under Act No. 3135, As amended]

**FIGTREE PROPERTIES OPC REP.**  
**BY FRANCO M. PEDREGOSA,**  
**DONALD S. DICEN, AND MELINDA P. DICEN,**  
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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## NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, **LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC. (A THRIFT BANK)**, formerly known as Inter-Asia Development Bank, corporation with principal office and place of business at G/F Bravo Business Centre, Lot 17 Block 4, JP Laurel Highway, Poblacion 04, Tanauan City, Batangas, Philippines, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate), executed and notarized on December 17, 2020 and August 3, 2021, by the Respondent-Mortgagor, **FIGTREE PROPERTIES OPC represented by FRANCO M. PEDREGOSA**, with residence and postal address at: (1) 9501 A Unit 3C Mabini St., Poblacion, Amadeo, Cavite; and (2) 7C Bright Star Building, JP Rizal St., Maharlika West, Tagaytay City, Cavite, as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on December 2, 2020 and Deed of Sale executed and notarized on December 16, 2022 by **Spouses DONALD S. DICEN and MELINDA P. DICEN**, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017007794** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Respondents-Mortgagors in the amount of **SEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PESOS AND 04/100 (PHP 7,123,725.04)** as of February 3, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on **JUNE 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017007794**  
**Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City**

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always been present, but the challenge lies in scaling these innovations and integrating them into broader economic systems. PHITEST addresses this by providing the necessary infrastructure to guide technologies from early-stage development to full market readiness, transforming isolated successes into sustained national impact.

Meanwhile, DOST Assistant Secretary Napoleon K. Juanillo Jr. underscored the program's role in establishing a na-

tionally recognized and internationally benchmarked validation ecosystem. Through collaboration with state universities and colleges, as well as private higher education institutions, PHITEST aims to uphold scientific integrity while ensuring that Philippine-developed products meet global standards of quality and competitiveness.

The initiative also reflects a broader effort to institutionalize innovation support systems in the country. By aligning re-

search outputs with industry requirements and global benchmarks, PHITEST contributes to

building a robust foundation for innovation-led industrial growth.

Launched under the theme of strengthening infrastructure for innovation-driven development, PHITEST represents a significant step toward enabling a more cohesive and results-oriented innovation landscape in the Philippines—one where technologies are not only created but also tested, trusted, and widely adopted. **(Nelson Santos, Photo credit to DOST)**

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60 Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS) tests, and 33 Electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures.

The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) Medical and Dental Team, in collaboration with the CarSIGMA District Hospital team, worked together to deliver essential healthcare services and address the medical needs of the community.

Fifth District Board Member Ivey Jayne Reyes graced and supported the event, together with Municipal

Councilor Aiza Gutierrez. The initiative was further strengthened through the support of local healthcare workers and community leaders, including Punong Barangay Eleuterio Reginio.

Through this successful mission, the provincial government continues to strengthen its commitment to accessible healthcare by bringing vital medical and dental services closer to Caviteño communities while promoting public health and community welfare. —**OPIO**

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## PBBM opens

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The entire 44.6-kilometer CALAX project, will eventually link the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in Kawit to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) in Mamlasan. The network features eight strategic interchanges: Laguna Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay, Silang (Aguinaldo), Governor's Drive, Open Canal, and Kawit.

Once fully integrated with CAVITEX, the combined network is projected to serve up to 95,000 vehicles per day, acting as a regional backbone for trade and mobility.

CALAX Subsection 3 (Governor's Drive Interchange to Aguinaldo Interchange stretch) will be

free for all classes for one month. Motorists will only pay the existing toll fees for CALAX Subsections 4 to 8 (Mamlasan in Biñan, Laguna to Silang (Aguinaldo) in Cavite. Any updates will be announced by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) in coordination with CALAX management.

CALAX is an MPCALA Holdings Inc. project with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as project grantor.

MPCALA Holdings Inc., the developer and operator of CALAX, is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC).



# CBCP NEWS



Delegates carry the National Youth Cross during the opening Mass of the 22nd National Conference of Youth Ministers at Palo Metropolitan Cathedral in Palo, Leyte. ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO COMMISSION ON YOUTH

## Fuel spike, inflation cause postponement of youth conference

A major national gathering of Catholic youth leaders has been postponed, citing surging fuel prices and inflation.

Bishop Antonio Marcelino Maralit Jr of San Pablo, chairman of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Youth, announced the decision in a letter addressing organizers and youth ministers.

The 23rd National Conference of Youth Ministers (NCYM) was scheduled Aug. 18–22 in the Diocese of Kidapawan.

Maralit said rising oil prices have triggered a ripple effect, sharply increasing travel, accommodation and operational costs tied to the event.

He warned that “exorbitant travel costs” could prevent many dioceses from sending representatives,

resulting in a diminished and unrepresentative national gathering.

Organizers also faced mounting expenses for catering, venue operations and local transportation, creating what he described as a “deficit that exceeds current austerity measures.”

“As a Church that walks with its people, we believe that holding an expensive large-scale event while our families struggle to meet their basic needs would create a severe disconnect from the pressing realities of our flock,” Maralit said.

He added that the safety, well-being and

peace of mind of participants remained the Church’s foremost priority in making the decision.

Despite the postponement, Maralit urged youth ministers to continue pastoral work, encouraging young people to remain hopeful amid economic uncertainty.

“Let us continue to accompany our young people with hope, reminding them that even in times of economic trial, Christ remains our peace,” Maralit said.

He said new dates for the conference would be announced once conditions stabilize and participation becomes more feasible for dioceses nationwide.

Meanwhile, smaller national gatherings, including the Youth Directors Assembly and coordinating council meeting, will proceed in June as scheduled in Manila.

The NCYM is a biennial gathering of diocesan youth leaders and representatives from across the country, convened by the bishops’ youth commission for formation, coordination and collaboration.

The gathering features workshops, discussions and training sessions to strengthen pastoral skills, promote unity among dioceses, and address the needs and aspirations of young people.

## Negros bishop calls for independent probe into deadly Toboso clash

A Catholic bishop called for an independent investigation into a deadly Easter weekend clash in Negros Occidental’s Toboso town, warning against conflicting official narratives and possible abuses.



Bishop Gerardo Alminaza of San Carlos. PHOTO FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAN CARLOS

At least 19 people were killed April 19 in a clash between government troops and suspected communist New People’s Army rebels in the remote sugarcane-farming region.

The military said its forces killed insurgents, but rights advocates claimed some victims were civilians, including a student leader and a local journalist.

Bishop Gerardo Alminaza of San Carlos said the bloodshed raised troubling unanswered questions about whether all those killed were armed combatants.

“The incident in Toboso has left not only lives lost, but questions that remain painfully unresolved,” Alminaza said in a public statement.

He urged authorities, media and citizens to resist hasty conclusions while demanding credible, transparent and impartial scrutiny of the security operation.

“We stand not at the end of a story, but at the beginning of a moral responsibility,” said the bishop, who is also the president of Caritas Philippines.

Alminaza stressed that every human life is sacred, warning that labels such as suspect or collateral damage cannot erase human dignity.

He said the state’s use of force carries grave moral responsibility requiring not only legality, but accountability and full public transparency.

The bishop called for an impartial inquiry by appropriate institutions, protection for witnesses and grieving families, and full disclosure of evidence.

“Without truth, there can be no justice. Without justice, there can be no peace,” he said.

The statement comes as rights advocates and religious leaders increasingly scrutinize anti-insurgency and law enforcement operations involving civilian deaths.

Alminaza also urged journalists and digital platforms to report responsibly, avoid sensationalism and preserve the dignity of victims.

As bishop of the San Carlos diocese, which covers parts of Negros Island, Alminaza has consistently spoken on social justice and human rights issues.

## St. Carlo Acutis relic to return to Philippines for Visayas tour

The pilgrim relic Saint Carlo Acutis will return to the Philippines later this year, visiting churches in Cebu and across the Visayas region for its second national tour.

Franciscan Fr. Jerome Ponce, national spiritual director of the Friends of St. Carlo Acutis – Philippines, said preparations are ongoing for the relic’s expected November to December visit.

The relic is a portion of Acutis’ pericardium, the membrane surrounding and protecting the heart, preserved as a first-class relic for veneration.

Ponce said organizers are coordinating with the Archdiocese of Cebu and other dioceses in central Philippines as plans advance for the Visayas leg of the international pilgrimage.

The relic’s first Philippine visit drew large crowds during an 18-day Luzon tour from Nov. 27 to Dec. 15, 2025.

That pilgrimage brought the relic to at least 29 churches in 16 dioceses, broadening Filipino devotion to Acutis, the Italian teenager known for using online technology to promote Eucharistic miracles.

Widely known as “God’s influencer,” Acutis has emerged as a global model of youthful holiness, especially among Catholics inspired by his digital evangelization.

Ponce said Mindanao is expected to host a fu-



Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo, director of international affairs and custodian of the pericardium relic for the Diocese of Assisi, carries the pilgrim relic of St. Carlo Acutis at San Felipe Neri Parish in Mandaluyong City, the final stop of its Luzon pilgrimage, Dec. 14, 2025. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARICAR SANTOS/RCAM MEDIA

ture phase of the pilgrimage, though organizers

have yet to finalize a schedule.

# MAGLIBANG TAYO

## KAPALARAN

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** - Muli, ang payo ng kapalaran mo ay huwag kang maghintay, bagkus, kumilos ka lang nang kumilos. Masuwerteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-4-10-17-21-25-33.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)** - Simple lang naman kung paano ka bubuwasin. Huwag kang manatili sa iisang sitwasyon. Maghanap ka ng magagawa, kahit na ano. Ito ang susi para gumana ang suwerte mo. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-6-11-19-24-35-43.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** - Darating na ang mga suwerte mo at hindi ito kayang hadlangan ng mga taong naiinggit sa iyo. Ang mas maganda nilang gawin ay pakitaan ka ng kabutihan upang makabahagi sila sa mga suwerte mo. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-5-12-28-31-38-40.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** - Muling gagana ang iyong mayamang imahinasyon. Kapag may nabuo kang magandang ideya, gawin mo agad. Ito ang susi para mapasaiyo ang mga gusto mo sa buhay. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-2-16-20-26-34-42.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** - May isang tao na balak kang isahan, gayunman 'di pa rin siya magtatagumpay. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-1-13-27-22-30-41.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Papahina nang papahina ang puwersa ng mga lihim mong kaaway, at maging ang mga lantaran mong kaaway ay isa-isa nang malalaos at malalampa. Gayunman, aasta pa rin silang malakas. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-7-11-23-29-34-44.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Hindi maganda kung malulungkot ka lang. Ito ang tandaan mo ngayon. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-1-12-25-31-37-45.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Kumukuha ng mas malakas na buwelo ang mga suwerte mo. Ito ang lihim na dahilan kung bakit parang nawalan ng kilos ang iyong kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-2-17-20-30-33-39.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Hindi mo mapipigilan ang sarili mo na mag-isip kahit abala ka sa ginagawa mo. Palatandaan ito na magpapatuloy pa rin ang pagdagsa ng magagandang ideya, na agad-agad namang susundan ng suwerte at magagandang kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-1-19-22-26-38-43.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Kailangan mo ang pahinga, hindi lang sa katawan kundi maging sa isipan, nang sa ganu'n ay manariwa ang lakas mo at talas ng isip na kailangang-kailangan mo ngayon. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-4-15-28-32-36-41.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Mas sasaya ka pa ngayon. Kaya walang dahilan para magsawa ka. Ngunit pagkatapos ng mga kalungkutan, sunud-sunod na darating ang mga suwerte at magagandang kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-7-14-26-31-37-40.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** - Iyung-iyong araw na ito, at hinihintay na ng langit ang kahilingan mo. Masuwerteng kulay-apple green. Tips sa lotto-3-13-21-25-34-44.

## SUDOKU

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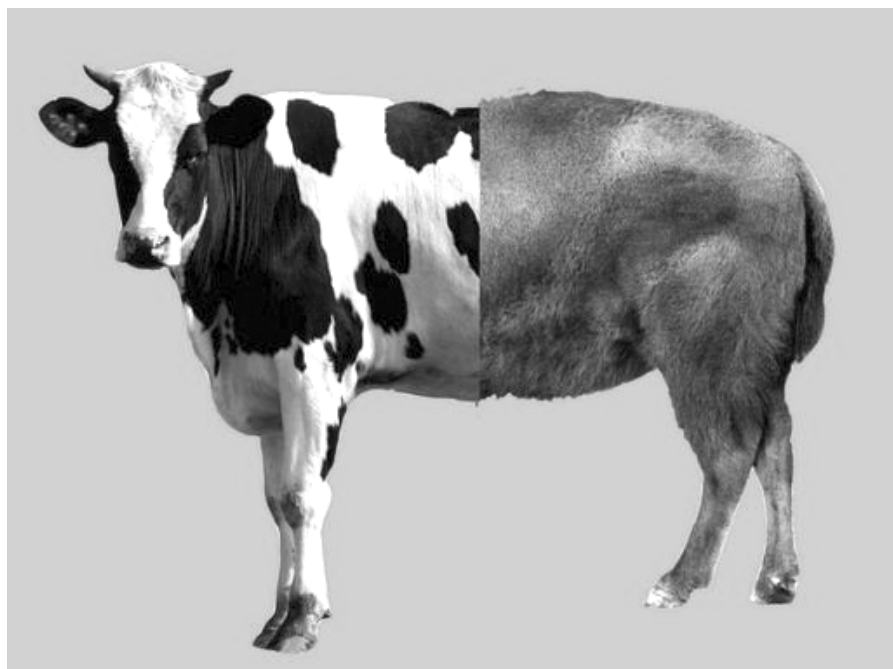
**HOW TO PLAY:** Sudoku puzzle is made up of a 9-by-9 grid with nine 3-by-3 sub-grids called boxes. There are 9 rows, 9 columns and 9 boxes in every puzzle. The object of the game is to fill all squares in the grid with the correct number.

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?



## A COW-BISON HYBRID IS CALLED A BEEFALO

Beefalo, which has been around since the early 1970s, is produced in more than 35 states. It was developed by D.C. "Bud" Basolo, a California rancher who successfully crossbred American bison and domesticated cattle, says the American Beefalo Association (yes, there is such a thing!). And it's actually good for you: It contains fewer calories, less cholesterol, less fat and more protein than conventional beef.

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### Beauty Therapy

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# PHITEST Strengthens Path from Innovation to Industry

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) convened a special press conference on May 5, 2026, at its headquarters in Bicutan, Taguig City to formally present the Philippine Technology Evaluation and Standards for Testing (PHITEST), a joint initiative with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The program is positioned as a key mechanism to ensure that Filipino-developed technologies are systematically tested, validated, and prepared for real-world and global application.



PHITEST is designed to reinforce the country's innovation ecosystem by establishing a structured and credible system for evaluating locally developed technologies. Through industry-aligned testing and validation processes, the initiative seeks to bridge the longstanding gap between research outputs and market adoption, ensuring that innovations move beyond laboratories and into practical use across industries.

DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized that the initiative serves as a strategic pathway for translating ideas into tangible outcomes. By enabling technologies to undergo rigorous and standardized evaluation, PHITEST supports job creation, strengthens industrial capacity, and accelerates the commercialization of Filipino innovations. The initiative underscores the importance of ensuring that technologies are not only innovative but also reliable, competitive, and ready for deployment.

He further highlighted that Filipino ingenuity has

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**CENTRAL LUZON'S BEST.** The Provincial Government of Bulacan, led by Governor Daniel R. Fernando and Vice Governor Alexis C. Castro, gives recognition to the victory sealed by the campus journalists of the Schools Division Office of Bulacan after emerging as overall champions in the recently concluded Regional Schools Press Conference 2026 held in the province of Aurora. Fernando and Castro were joined by Board Members Raul A. Mariano, Michael M. Aquino, Cezar L. Mendoza, Richard A. Roque, Liberato P. Sembrano, Romeo V. Castro, Jr., Fortunato S.J. Angeles, Romina D. Fermin, Enrique Delos Santos, Jr., Josef Andrew T. Mendoza, and Provincial Administrator Antonia V. Constantino.

## Malunggay Magic: Leaders Cultivating Change!



This is what #ClimateAction looks like! Commissioners Albert Dela Cruz, Gen. Zamudio, and Richard Nixon Gomez holding malunggay at the UNITED RTU Climate Action event. It's a reminder that powerful solutions can be found right in our backyards. Let's cultivate change, one malunggay leaf at a time!

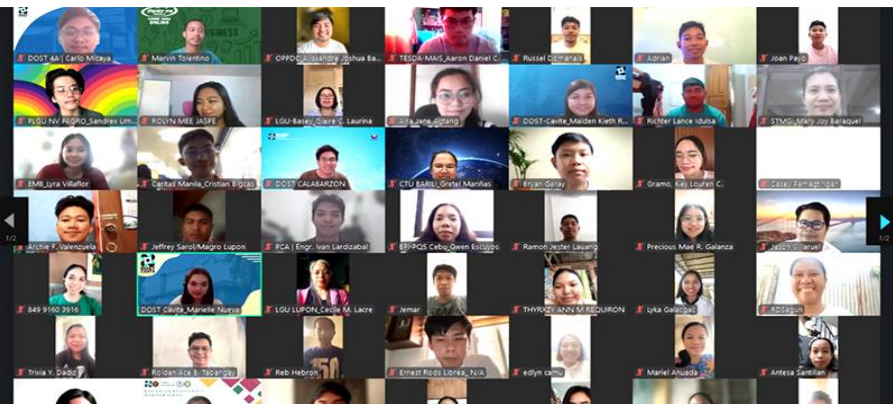
## DOST-Laguna empowers OTOPreneurs with essential knowledge in Basic Food Hygiene and Food Safety Standards



The DOST Provincial Science and Technology Office-Laguna spearheaded a high-impact training intervention aimed at strengthening the operational standards of DTI Laguna OTOPreneurs. The program focused on a dual curriculum of Basic Food Hygiene (BFH) and Food Safety Hazards (FSH) to ensure local MSMEs meet rigorous safety requirements.

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## Smart farming takes the spotlight as TECH IT OFF Season 2 kicks off



TECH IT OFF returned with a strong start for Season 2, launching its first episode recently, via Zoom Conference. With the theme "Agricultural Mapping for Enhanced Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability," the session highlighted how mapping technologies and spatial data are transforming agriculture into a more efficient, data-driven industry. Participants, including agriculturists and agricultural engineers, explored how these tools can improve decision-making and farm productivity.

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