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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MARKET VALUE

29 APRIL & 06 MAY 2026
NEW E-REG BUILDING, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPOUND, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

Public consultation on proposed Schedule of Market Values conducted in compliance with RPVARA

The Office of the Provincial Assessor, in cooperation with the Municipal Assessors of Cavite, successfully conducted the Public Consultation on the Proposed Schedule of Market Values (SMV) on April 29 and May 6, at the New E-Registration Building, New Provincial Government Center Compound, Trece Martires City.

The activity was conducted in compliance with the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Reform Act (RPVARA) or Republic Act No. 12001, which aims to promote a more transparent, equitable, and standardized real property valuation system in the country. The consultation was attended by real property owners, local government officials, and various stakeholders from across the province.

During the first day of the consultation on April 29, the program formally opened with a welcome message from Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, who emphasized the importance of stakeholder participation in the valuation process. This was followed by a message from Provincial Assessor Raymundo D. Salazar, REA, who highlighted the significance of updating the Schedule of Market Values in accordance with national policies and current market conditions.

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Seminar-Workshop on Records Digitization and Digitalization Strengthen Records Management keeping in PGC



In support of the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing efforts toward efficient, secure, and technology-driven public service, a two-day Seminar-Workshop on Records Digitization and Digitalization was successfully conducted on May 5-6, 2026 spearheaded by the Cavite Quality Management Off at the 2nd Floor Function Hall, New Provincial Government Center Building, Trece Martires City, Cavite.;

The activity gathered document custodians and records officers from various PGC offices to strengthen their knowledge and skills in modern records management practices through digitization and digitalization.

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PROJECT EMPOWER: SAMA-SAMA!

We are truly grateful and deeply blessed to have successfully held our Adaptive Fitness and Rehab Mission. Seeing everyone come together, support one another, and share in this purpose-filled day is something we will always cherish.



Our heartfelt thanks to our amazing partners, generous sponsors, and selfless volunteers — your kindness and dedication made this mission possible. And most especially, to everyone who attended and became part of this meaningful event with us, thank you for trusting and joining us.

As we share these moments from the event, we are reminded that when we come together, we create something beautiful, meaningful, and full of hope. All glory to God for making this mission a success.

NEWS

AR Foundation and Casino Plus Convene Powerhouse Multi-Sector Jury for Hero For All Deliberation

Taguig City—The Hero For All Campaign by Casino Plus and Alden Richards (AR) Foundation reaches a landmark milestone on May 8, 2026 as it convenes a powerhouse multi-sector jury for its final deliberation—held at Bonifacio Global City—to select the everyday Filipino heroes who will be honored under the program.

Moving beyond recognition alone, Hero for All was created to celebrate stories of compassion, resilience, sacrifice, and service — stories that reflect the enduring spirit of the Filipino people and inspire others to create meaningful change within their own communities.

Casino Plus, one of the country's leading responsible entertainment and gaming platforms duly licensed by PAGCOR, underscored the importance of finding hope even in difficult times: "Heroism often exists quietly in communities across the country, where ordinary people choose compassion and courage despite

life's challenges. Many never seek recognition for their actions.

Through this initiative, we hope to honor their stories and remind Filipinos that even small acts of kindness can create meaningful impact when hope is needed most."

"Initiatives like "Hero For All" are very important today because they remind people that heroism is not limited to fame, power, or big positions in society. In a world where a lot of people are quietly struggling, stories of ordinary individuals doing extraordinary acts of kindness, sacrifice, and service give people hope again," said Alden

Richards, AR Foundation founder and Casino Plus Lead Advocate.

To ensure fairness, integrity, and accountability throughout the Hero For All selection process, the organization assembled respected and credible leaders from media, civil society, academe, and government to serve as members of the jury panel.

* Joy Flavier-Alampay, Director of the Ramon Magsaysay Transformative Leadership Institute of the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation

* Tina Arceo-Dumlao, Business Features Editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer



Hero For All Final Deliberation Jurors from left to right: Joy Flavier-Alampay, Director of the Ramon Magsaysay Transformative Leadership Institute of the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation; Ma. Teresa Habitan, Vice Chancellor of the Philippine Tax Academy; Tina Arceo-Dumlao, Business Features Editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer; Daniel Cecilio, Senior Vice President for Land-Based Operations of PAGCOR

* Ma. Teresa Habitan, Vice Chancellor of the Philippine Tax Academy Ramon P. Tuazon, Secretary General of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication, (participated in the first batch deliberations)

* Daniel Cecilio, Senior Vice President for Land-Based Operations of PAGCOR

* and Alden Richards, award-winning actor, AR Foundation founder and Casino Plus Lead Advocate

Nearly a month after its official launch on April 9, 2026, hundreds of nominations were received from April 10 to May 1, 2026 through multiple channels, including social media submissions, the Casino Plus website, and endorsements from non-government organizations (NGOs) and local government units (LGUs).

To qualify, nominees must be Filipino residents aged 21 years old and above with documented acts of heroism or meaningful community contribution within the last five years. Supporting evidence — including photos, videos, or published articles — also formed part of the validation process.

"All those nominated have shown extraordinary goodness — not because they were asked to, but because it came naturally from the goodness of their hearts. We all need heroes in our lives. Being part of this jury has inspired all of us, and we leave this room carrying

a piece of every story we encountered," said Joy Flavier-Alampay, Director of the Ramon Magsaysay Transformative Leadership Institute.

Maria Teresa Habitan, Vice Chancellor of the Philippine Tax Academy added, "What really stands out is how they went out of themselves to help others so it's compassion that's lived and acted upon."

From hundreds of entries received, shortlisted nominees advanced to the final jury deliberation stage.

PAGCOR SVP for Land-based Operations Daniel Cecilio, meanwhile, shared his vision of what it means to be a Hero for All: "A hero for all is someone who embodies selflessness — that's number one. Courage, inclusivity, and long-lasting impact. And all of these things have to be very consistent. Yun ang kailangan."

Hero for All's Commitment to Transparency and Integrity

Each juror independently evaluates nominees using a clearly defined scoring framework prior to formal deliberations, with all records retained to ensure the integrity of the selection process. Unlike popularity-driven awards, Hero for All is anchored on authenticity, impact and the ripple effect of creating more community heroes.

One of the program's defining principles is "story transferability" —

assessing whether a nominee's actions can inspire similar acts of courage, compassion, or civic responsibility in other communities.

Business Editor Tina Arceo-Dumlao reflected on the significance of the initiative, "These stories give me hope that there is still so much good around us that deserves to be celebrated and recognized. This initiative feels especially timely amid today's negativity. Thank you for allowing me to be part of it."

The campaign will culminate in its grand awarding ceremony hosted by award winning broadcast journalist Pinky Webb on August 31, 2026, in celebration of National Heroes Day, where the selected honorees will be recognized for their exceptional contributions to society.

RESPONSIBLE GAMING ADVISORY

In accordance with PAGCOR's Responsible Gaming Code of Practice, Casino Plus wishes to remind all players of the following:

Gaming is for entertainment purposes only. It should not be considered a source of income or a means of financial relief. Players are encouraged to play responsibly and within their means.

Winning is never guaranteed. All gaming outcomes are determined by chance. Past results, including jackpot wins, do not influence or predict future outcomes.

DOST and Cong. Cha discuss collaborative opportunities across S&T programs

A productive meeting was recently held between Hon. Charisse Anne Hernandez, Representative of the Lone District of Calamba, Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, Regional Director of DOST CALABARZON, and Ms. Agnes G. Morales, Provincial Director of DOST Laguna.



During the meeting, PD Morales presented the various programs and services of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), highlighting opportunities that can benefit students, entrepreneurs, and communities in Calamba. The discussion provided a platform to explore potential collaborations between the local government and DOST.

Following the presentation, both parties engaged in meaningful discussions

on possible partnerships, particularly on the conduct of scholarship review sessions. These sessions are being planned by Cong. Hernandez to better prepare aspiring scholars and increase the number of DOST scholars in Calamba City. This initiative reflects a shared commitment to strengthening access to science and technology education and empowering more students to pursue careers in STEM. They also discussed potential

livelihood projects for various communities in the district and the use of renewable energy in response to the current transportation issues due to increasing cost of fuel.

DOST CALABARZON looks forward to more future projects in the lone district of Calamba as we aspire to lead innovative science and technology solutions for the sustainable development of CALABARZON. (By Charles Andrew M. Reyes)

Editorial

Allow seniors to get their pension using their senior IDs

THE Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has made the national ID the primary identification for payouts under the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens program.

Under the Expanded Senior Citizens' Act of 2010, the DSWD's social pension program gives a P1,000 monthly allowance to indigent Filipinos aged 60 and above. Aid is given to seniors who are already frail, sickly, or living with disabilities. Payouts are released quarterly.

The program is only meant for indigent beneficiaries — those who don't receive any pension from government agencies like the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System, Philippine Veterans Administration, with no steady source of income, and not holding any appointed or elected barangay position. They also need to be listed under the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS).

The DSWD said that in 2025, a total of 4,113,050 indigent senior citizens received their social pension. The problem here is the slow dissemination of national IDs. Some authorities also don't accept the digital national ID. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is continuing registration for the National ID at over 200 sites nationwide. But a visit to SM Cebu and Robinsons Galleria Cebu last week yielded negative results. The PSA said that if you've already ordered one but haven't received it yet, you can track the delivery status via PHLPost. That is, if the senior citizens remember their ID application numbers!

There's also a way out for those who physically can't leave home. Bedridden beneficiaries won't be required to line up or travel — the PSA will conduct house visits to register them, so they can still continue receiving their benefits without interruption. You can reach out to DSWD via Globe (0917-110-5686 or 0917-827-2543) or Smart (0919-911-6200), or file a complaint through its online grievance system. And then wait for the response from the other end of the line, or the person manning the email at the DSWD.

Previously, seniors could just present a senior citizen ID or any other valid ID at payout sites. That flexibility has now been replaced with a single requirement, in line with the government effort to place the national ID as the primary, acceptable ID



for transactions.

What else can the government do for our seniors, beyond a simplified and automatic enrollment, broader coverage for informal workers, and a dignified minimum payment that keeps pace with inflation?

The government should also guarantee affordable, high-quality healthcare tailored to aging needs. We have written about this before in this space, and lauded the filing of a bill for hospitals for geriatric patients.

Health systems should be tuned to prevent chronic disease decompensation and to manage age-related conditions efficiently. This means strengthening the capacity of public hospitals with geriatrics-focused staff, subsidizing essential medications for chronic illnesses, and expanding home-based care models so seniors can remain at home when appropriate.

Implementing a more robust drug subsidy program and ensuring consistent procurement of affordable, quality generic medicines are crucial. Preventive care — vaccination, screenings, and mental health services — must be easily accessible, with outreach for those with mobility challenges or cognitive impairment.

We must also expand housing and mobility support. Safe, affordable housing with universal design features can improve senior quality of life. Policies could incentivize climate-resilient, accessible retirement housing and provide targeted subsidies for rent

or mortgage relief. On mobility, prioritize age-friendly public transport networks, discounted or free passes for seniors on major routes, and reliable paratransit options. Accessibility is not a luxury; it is a prerequisite for independence and continued community participation.

Moreover, we should strengthen social protection with caregiver relief and labor protection. The state should recognize the unpaid labor of family caregivers — often women — by offering caregiver stipends, training and respite services. For those in the formal sector, reinforced labor protections and flexible work arrangements help families plan for aging relatives without sacrificing employment. A coordinated, single-window mechanism for elder care services can reduce bureaucratic friction and ensure that seniors access appropriate support.

Lastly, we must invest in digital inclusion and community connectivity. A growing number of seniors uses digital tools for health information, telemedicine and social connection. Subsidized devices, affordable data plans and community-based digital literacy programs can prevent isolation and empower older adults to navigate modern health systems and public services.

The 20-percent discount for them is a welcome gesture. But it should be complemented by a rights-based framework that treats aging not as a problem to be managed but as a phase of life deserving security and respect.

19 Tips To Be Happy

We are all looking for joy in life. Here are my tips:

1. Decide to be happy — Think of ways and things that make you happy. In your plan, don't forget the joy of other people, like your wife and child.
2. Use your talent - Where are you good at? Can you sing, dance, paint, write or speak? Find and develop your talent.
3. Play - Play with children. Make time for sports and relax.
4. Count the blessings in life — Let us thank God for all the blessings He has given.
5. Love yourself — Everyone else makes mistakes. Correct the mistake, apologize and forget it.
6. Look at the beauty around — Have you seen the sunrise? Did you breathe the breeze? Have you heard the birds song? Nature is full of joy.
7. Relax — When you get tired from work, relax and take a cold bath. Then read your favorite magazine or comic book. Get busy with your hobby too.
8. Be close to family and friends — According to a study, talking to a best friend for an hour is equivalent to taking a pain-reliever pill.
9. Find positive friends — Find positive people, who are always happy and have a good outlook on life.
10. Help others - According to the analysis, your "endorphins" in the body will increase if you help others. Endorphin is a chemical that makes our body stronger and makes us happy.
11. Think happy things — According to Norman

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ni Dr. Willie Ong



Vincent Peale, the author of the books on Positive Thinking, we must teach ourselves to think happy things. Say, "I'm fine." That's a good deal. That will work out eventually."

12. Read and listen only good news — Choose only good news.

13. Laugh — According to analysis, watching a fun show can remove sadness, anger and irritation.

14. Take care of your health - How can you be happy when you are sick? Eat right. Avoid vices like cigarettes and alcohol. Getting a check-up with the doctor too.

15. Exercise — There is a unique joy that exercise brings. When you sweat, you feel good.

16. Find moderate stress in life — If there is too much stress, it is bad for the body.

17. Sleep — You need 7-8 hours of sleep every night.

18. Fall in love — A person who is in love can live longer than 7 years. Yes, that is very true. Having a partner is happier than having none.

19. Believe in God — According to analysis, people who trust God are happier than those who do not believe.

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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
Original RD: PROVINCE OF CAVITE	OCT No.: OCT-181
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Original Owner:
This certificate is a transfer from **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017050848 (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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Resource speakers Mr. Archie C. Larracas, LAOO IV of the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) Region IV-A, and Ms. Elmine C. De La Cruz, LAOO II, discussed the overview and salient provisions of RA No. 12001. Their discussion provided participants with a clearer understanding of the law's objectives, implementation, and its impact on local government units and property owners.

Also present during the consultation was Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chair of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropria-

tions, who expressed support for the initiative and underscored the importance of collaboration between the provincial government, municipal assessors, and stake-



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BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
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

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 17, NAIC ESTATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 43 ° 36' E	1181.57 M.
1-2	N. 36 ° 04' W	3.50 M.
2-3	N. 53 ° 40' E	10.00 M.
3-4	S. 36 ° 04' E	3.50 M.
4-1	S. 53 ° 40' W	10.00 M.

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DECLINATION:

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: AUG. 1906 - NOV. 1907

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: SEPT. 1-15, 2014

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: NOV. 28, 2014

GEODETIC ENGINEER: JEANNETTE S. CO

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 8, 2026 without prior notice.

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**
Sheriff-In-Charge

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holders.

Meanwhile, the second day of the consultation held on May 6, commenced with a welcome message from Mr. Carol B. Bedua, REA, Municipal Assessor of General Mariano Alvarez (GMA). Board Member Belamide once again graced the

cerns and recommendations.

The public consultation served as an avenue for open discussion, allowing stakeholders to raise concerns, seek clarifications, and provide inputs regarding the proposed Schedule of Market Values. Through the initia-

activity and delivered his message of support, alongside Magallanes Vice Mayor Aina S. Maligalig, who also conveyed her appreciation for the conduct of the consultation and the opportunity for stakeholders to voice their con-

tive, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to uphold transparency, accountability, and participatory governance in implementing reforms that contribute to effective and responsive public service. — **OPIO**

Seminar

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The seminar aimed to strengthen the knowledge and skills of government personnel in managing records through modern digital systems and technologies. Participants learned the importance of digitization and digitalization in improving government records management, ensuring faster access to information, better storage, and stronger data protection.

One of the resource speakers was Edgardo Quiros, Assistant Director of the National Library of the Philippines.

He discussed important topics including the fundamentals of records management, records lifecycle, classification, retention and disposition, and the role of records in government operations.

Mr. Quiros also explained the difference between digitization and digitalization, including their applications, benefits, risks, and challenges. He further discussed legal and policy frameworks related to records management, data privacy, and Quality Management System (QMS) requirements. Participants were also

guided on planning records digitization projects, proper document preparation, scanning standards, file naming conventions, indexing, metadata standards, and digital storage systems. Hands-on workshops allowed participants to practice scanning, file organization, quality checking, and designing digital workflows for office operations.

Meanwhile, Alfonso Fredericko Gonda, Information Officer II from DICT, discussed cybersecurity, data privacy, and risk management, emphasizing the importance of protecting the integrity and confidentiality of digital records. He also highlighted the importance of using registered electronic signatures in government transactions to ensure authenticity, security, and accountability in digital documents.

The seminar-workshop provided participants with valuable knowledge and practical skills that will help improve records management systems and support efficient, secure, and transparent government services. — **OPIO**

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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:

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LOT NO. 3096, CAD-482-D, C-3 BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" OF LOT 3096, CAD-482-D; BEING N. 4-54 W., 3064.45 M. FROM BLLM #1, CAD-482-D, AMADEO CADASTRE; THENCE S. 6-16 E., 93.09 M. TO POINT 2; S. 74-43 W., 139.97 M. TO POINT 3; N. 1-06 E., 98.59 M. TO POINT 4; N. 75-49 E., 118.54 M. TO POINT 5; N. 77-12 E., 8.27 M. TO POINT 1; POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF **TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT (12,478) SQUARE METERS**, ALL POINTS ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. MONS. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 3095, CAD-482-D; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 3091, CAD-482-D; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY CREEK; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 3097, CAD-482-D; AND ALONG 5-1 BY LOT 3098, CAD-482-D, BEARING TRUE. THIS LOT WAS SURVEYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND EXISTING REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY TEODORO I. VICTORINO, GEODETIC ENGINEER ON OCTOBER 21, 1982 TO JANUARY 31, 1983 AND APPROVED ON MAY 2, 1986.

is registered in accordance with the provision of Section

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In the week-long activity, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN's Project Management Team (PMT) visited the following acknowledged camps, particularly; Camp Bader in Brgy. Datalpandan, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, Camp Abubakar in Brgy. Sapad, Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte, Camp Omar in Brgy. Saniag, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, Camp Rajahmuda in Brgy. Daladagan, Mangudadatu, Maguindanao del Sur, Camp Bushra in Brgy. Sandab Madaya, Butig, Lanao del Sur and Camp Bilal in

Brgy. Biruar, Tangcal, Lanao del Norte.

The field activity was carried out in close coordination with the respective Local Government Units (LGUs), the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation

(JTFCT), local peace mechanisms, community leaders, and beneficiary groups to ensure that the assessment process remained participatory, culturally sensitive, and grounded on the actual conditions of the communities.

More than a routine inspection, the activity served as a strategic groundwork for identifying science and technology interventions that are responsive to the needs, capacities, and aspirations of the people. Through direct community immersion and on-site validation, the PMT assessed the viability and readiness of each area for possible deployment of livelihood, agricultural, infrastructure, digital, and enterprise-based technologies intended to improve productivity and strengthen local economies.

The assessment covered key areas such as infrastructure and utili-

ties, agricultural and livelihood potentials, enterprise readiness, technology utilization, and solar installation viability. Potential interventions on food processing, Halal goat and ZamPen Native Chicken production, crop and aquaculture systems, STARBOOKS, dressmaking, handloom weaving, and other community-based technologies were likewise evaluated for possible enhancement and expansion.

The monitoring activity also enabled the PMT to validate existing interventions, identify operational and technical gaps, and determine the necessary support mechanisms to strengthen implementation. Consultations with beneficiaries and local stakeholders further provided valuable insights on community conditions, livelihood challenges, and development priorities.

In communities where years of conflict once limited opportunities and access to services, the Science for Peace Pro-

gram continues to serve as a concrete platform for inclusive and peace-responsive development. Through the program, DOST reinforces its commitment to bringing science, technology, and innovation closer to historically underserved communities – transforming technology into a bridge toward resilience, productivity, and lasting peace.

Moving forward, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN remains steadfast in strengthening partnerships with OPAPRU, local government units, and peacebuilding stakeholders to sustain interventions that are community-centered, culturally responsive, and anchored on long-term development outcomes. Through continued convergence and meaningful engagement, the agency reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that no community is left behind in the pursuit of peace, progress, and sustainable development in Mindanao.

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The validation activities served as a critical step for enterprises seeking assistance under SETUP, DOST's flagship program aimed at enhancing industrial productivity, competitiveness, and innovation among local businesses.

During the assessments, the DOST team evaluated the firms' current production capacity, technology utilization, operational challenges, and opportunities for innovation. Possible interventions such as equipment upgrading, process improvement, technical consultancy, and workforce capability enhancement were identified to help businesses improve productivity and expand their market reach. The assessment also considered gender-responsive needs to ensure inclusive and sustainable enterprise development.

A total of twenty-five (25) firms across Region 1 underwent Technology Needs Assessment as part of SETUP, including four (4) firms from La Union, seven (7) firms

from Pangasinan, four (4) firms from Ilocos Sur, and ten (10) firms from Ilocos Norte.

Findings from the Technology Needs Assessment will determine the firms' eligibility to move forward to the next stage – the preparation of project proposals for further review and possible funding support through the Review and Technical Evaluation Committee (RTEC).

Through SETUP, DOST Ilocos Region continues to empower MSMEs in Region 1 by providing access to appropriate technologies, upgrading equipment, and delivering technical assistance that drive innovation, improve product quality, and create greater market opportunities.

By supporting local enterprises through science and technology, DOST Ilocos Region continues to deliver "Agham na Ramdam" by strengthening innovation, improving competitiveness, and helping build more resilient communities across Region 1. **(Sheshenie Janae M. Perez)**

103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 9, 2026**, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017007794** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Cavite Philippines, April 16, 2026.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
OF MA. LUISA LAGUMEN ROMEROSA TO
MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO,**

MA. LUISA NAMUCO SAMACO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

SP CASE NO. 2017-26

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OF
MANILA, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
GENERAL AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE
OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHO MAY BE
AFFECTED THEREBY,**

Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified Petition, dated March 12, 2026, has been filed in this Court, which contains the following averments:

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(Rule 103, Rules of Court)**

COMES NOW the petitioner, **MA. LUISA NAMUCO SAMACO**, assisted by the PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully states:

1. The petitioner is of legal age (61 years old), Filipino citizen, female, married, and a bona fide resident of L2 B1 Phase 2 Garland Subdivision, Barangay Tabon III, Kawit, Cavite, where she may be served with summons, notices, and other court processes.

2. Copies of this Verified Petition, together with all its annexes, are being served upon the respondents - the Office of the City Civil Registry of Manila, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Office of the Solicitor General - as evidenced by receipts which shall be submitted to this Honorable Court upon filing.

3. Petitioner's name as appearing in the civil register is "**MA. LUISA LAGUMEN ROMEROSA**". The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Certified of Live Birth shows "no name" in the man entry, while the Supplemental Information states "**MA. LUISA ROMEROSA**". A copy of petitioner's PSA Certificate of Live Birth is hereto attached as Annex "A".

Further, the Local Civil Registry of City of Manila shows the main entry as "(Ma. Luisa) (Lagumen) (Romerosa)", while the Supplemental Report states the full name as "Ma. Luisa Lagumen Romerosa". A copy of petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth from the Local Civil Registrar of City of Manila is hereto attached as **Annex "A-1"**.

4. This Petition is filed pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Court, which requires that a petition for change of name be filed in the Regional Trial Court of the province or city where the person desiring to change his/her name resides, and that the petition state (a) the required residence, (b) the cause for which the change is sought, and (c) the name asked for.

5. The petitioner has been a bona fide resident of Kawit, Cavite, for at least three (3) years immediately prior to the filing of this petition. A copy of petitioner's Barangay Certificate of Residency is hereto attached as **Annex "B"**.

6. The name petitioner respectfully prays to adopt and be known by is:

From: **MA. LUISA LAGUMEN ROMEROSA**
To: **MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO**

7. Petitioner seeks the change of name for proper and reasonable cause, specifically:

7.1. Petitioner has been consistently and habitually known

in the community, school, workplace, banks, and all official transactions since childhood as "MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO". All her school records, Transcript of Records, diplomas, certificates, marriage contract, and IDs and records bear this name. She has lived and transacted under this name for more than sixty (60) years.

Copies of the petitioner's Certificate of Baptism, High School Citizen's Army Training Certificate, High School Diploma, College Diploma, Certificate from Lyceum Office of the Registrar, College Transcript of Records, Marriage Contract, and Government-issued IDs are attached hereto as **Annex "C" and series**.

7.2. The name appearing in her PSA and LCR Manila Certificate of Live Birth - "MA. LUISA LAGUMEN ROMEROSA" - was recorded without the paternal surname. Later, petitioner executed an Affidavit for Delayed Registration of Birth in Pasay City, which resulted in the issuance of the LCR Pasay Certificate of Live Birth and subsequently the NSO Certificate of Live Birth reflecting the name "MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO", including the name of petitioner's father, Rodolfo P. Namuco. However, during the correction process at Manila City Hall, because petitioner's parents, both now deceased, were not married and no marriage contract could be presented, this resulted in the omission of the paternal surname "Namuco" in the PSA record, contrary to the name the petitioner has always carried.

Copies of the petitioner's Affidavit dated November 5, 2004, Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth in Pasay City, LRC Pasay Certificate of Live Birth, and NSO Certificate of Live Birth reflecting the name "MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO" are attached hereto as **Annex "D" and series**.

7.3. The discrepancy between the incomplete PSA Certificate of Live Birth and the name petitioner has used all her life has caused and will continue to cause confusion, embarrassment, and prejudice in all future transactions with government agencies, banks, courts, and other institutions. Correcting the name now will eliminate these problems and allow petitioner to use consistently the name by which she is known to family, friends, and the public.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing and as an ancillary matter to the petition, petitioner's filiation to and open acknowledgment by her father, Rodolfo P. Namuco, is sufficiently established. Petitioner was publicly recognized and treated by her father as his daughter, as proven by the following evidence, which are attached hereto as Annex "E" and series:

- a. Photographs taken during the petitioner's Baptism Ceremony together with her parents and godparents;
- b. Photographs taken during the wake of her mother, Rosalinda L. Romerosa, where all family members, including petitioner and her father, were present;
- c. Photographs of petitioner with her father and his friends while at their Pasay residence; and
- d. NSO Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner's younger sister, Ma. Teresa R. Namuco, who lists the same father, Rodolfo P. Namuco, and under whom her sister bears the surname "Namuco".

These pieces of evidence collectively demonstrate petitioner's filiation to and open acknowledgment by her father, and, thus, may rightfully carry the surname "Namuco".

9. The change of name is not sought for any fraudulent purpose, to conceal identity, evade obligations, or prejudice the rights of any person. Petitioner has no pending criminal case and is not using this Petition to avoid prosecution, judgment, or liability.

10. Petitioner undertakes that, if granted, the change of name will be properly annotated/recorded in the civil register, and petitioner will use the new name consistently thereafter.

11. Consistent with Rule 103, this is a special proceeding in rem; thus, the Court must issue an Order setting the date and place of hearing and directing publication once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province. Interested persons may appear and oppose.

12. The Office of the Solicitor General or the proper public prosecutor should appear on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines at the hearing of this Petition.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, petitioner respectfully prays that after due notice, publication, and hearing, this Honorable Court render judgment:

1. **GRANTING** this Petition and authorizing petitioner to

change her name:

From: **MA. LUISA LAGUMEN ROMEROSA**
To: **MA. LUISA ROMEROSA NAMUCO**;

2. **DIRECTING** the Local Civil Registrar of Manila City and the Philippine Statistics Authority, as appropriate, to record/annotate the change of name pursuant to the Court's judgment; and

Other reliefs as may be just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

March 12, 2026.
City of Imus, Cavite.

Respectfully submitted.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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VERIFICATION/CERTIFICATION

I, MA. LUISA NAMUCO SAMACO, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and state that:

1. That I am the petitioner in the above-entitled case that cause the preparation of the foregoing Verified Petition for Change of Name;

2. That I have read and understood the contents of the Verified Petition for Change of Name, and attest that the allegations therein are true and correct to my personal knowledge and on the basis of authentic documents;

3. That I have not commenced any other action or proceeding before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, or any other tribunal or agency involving the same issue, and to the best of my knowledge, no such action or proceeding is pending before said court, tribunal, or agency;

4. Should I hereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding is pending therewith, I undertake to inform this court within five (5) days therefrom;

5. The foregoing Verified Petition for Change of Name is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; and

6. The factual allegations in the Verified Petition for Change of Name have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto affix my signature this March 12, 2026, in Imus City, Cavite, Philippines.

(signature)

MA. LUISA NAMUCO SAMACO
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this March 12, 2026, in Imus City, Cavite, affiant exhibiting to me her competent proof of identity, Unified Multipurpose ID (UMID) with no. CRN-0003-8849623-9.

(signature)

ATTY. YRA C. MAGDALUYO
Public Attorney

LEGAL NOTICES

71 Entrepreneurs Gain Business Skills in DTI Laguna–CMDI Livelihood Seminar in Bay

Bay, Laguna — Seventy-one aspiring and existing entrepreneurs gained practical business skills and insights into government support programs after participating in a livelihood seminar held in Barangay Tranca. The seminar was conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office in partnership with CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. (CMDI).

The activity, led through DTI's Negosyo Center Pagsanjan and Negosyo Center Bay, focused on strengthening local microenterprises by equipping participants with essential knowledge on business registration, pricing and costing, consumer protection, and entrepreneurial mindset.

DTI Laguna Negosyo Center Business Counselors (NCBC) facilitated the sessions, with NCBC Bay discussing pricing and costing strategies, while NCBC Pagsanjan guided participants on consumer education and respon-

sible entrepreneurship.

The seminar was designed to be highly interactive, allowing participants to raise questions, share business experiences, and seek guidance on day-to-day operational challenges faced by small enterprises.

Beyond technical learning, the session also highlighted available government programs and services that entrepreneurs can access to support business start-up and growth, reinforcing the importance of compliance and proper busi-



(Pursuant to R.A. 9406)

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on August 11, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning. Any interested parties may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

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

Notify the respondents mentioned in the Petition, at their respective addresses.

SO ORDERED.

City of Imus, Cavite, April 21, 2026.

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

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ness practices.

CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. Training Coordinator Jenny Ovido helped coordinate

the activity on the ground, ensuring smooth implementation and active participation.

DTI Laguna, together

with its partners, continues to implement capacity-building programs aimed at empowering communities, supporting

enterprise growth, and contributing to inclusive local economic development (SAREyes, DTI Laguna).

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DOST provides technical and STI policy guidance to support innovation activities and prospective locators within the DLSU KIST Park, while PEZA facilitates investment promotion and ecozone registration processes to help attract and onboard qualified locators.

As part of the initial onboarding of prospective locators within the DLSU KIST Park, the university formalized strategic partnerships through the signing of memoranda of understanding (MOU) with global pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca and engineering and infrastructure conglomerate D.M. Consunji, Inc. on May 7, 2026 at the Enrique K. Razon Jr. Hall, DLSU La-

guna Campus. The DLSU KIST Park specializes in Advanced Biotech Systems as its niche area.

The partnerships aim to strengthen collaboration in research and development, innovation initiatives, curriculum enhancement, business operations, and talent development—reinforcing industry-academe-government collaboration in advancing science, technology, and innovation-driven economic development.

The MOU also signifies the initial step toward potential locator registration within the DLSU KIST Park. Pursuant to the KIST Ecozone framework, prospective locator applications will undergo DOST evaluation to ensure alignment to STI priorities and endorsement as part of

the requirements for PEZA registration.

Although unable to physically attend the signing ceremony, DOST leadership extended their support and shared their perspectives on the newly concluded partnership.

Commending the milestone, DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. stated, "The partnership with AstraZeneca and D.M. Consunji, Inc. is an important step in strengthening the KIST Park as a venue where research, industry, and talent development converge."

He further emphasized that this collaboration "shows how academic institutions can help move innovations closer to real-world application" and aligns with the Second Horizon of DOST's Three-Horizon Strategy focused on "scaling up innovations, strengthening industry

linkages, and enabling technologies to generate greater economic and societal impact".

Expressing his support, DOST Undersecretary Sancho A. Mabborang emphasized the broader impact of this ecosystem: "It reflects the growing role of the KIST Park as a space where research and industry can work more closely together. This is how innovations move beyond the laboratory and start creating real impact."

He also noted the importance of regional growth, stating that "KIST Parks like the one in DLSU also help bring development closer to the regions by attracting investment, creating jobs, and opening opportunities for local talent to be part of high-value industries."

(By **Emmanuelle Biglete and Halyn Lunel Gamboa**)

CFO teams up with iPBA to provide free legal aid for Non-Resident Filipinos

Pasay City - The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and International Pro Bono Alliance (iPBA) formalized on May 12, 2026 their partnership to make legal assistance more accessible to Filipino migrants and their families.



CFO Chairperson, Secretary Dante “Klink” Ang II led the MOU signing, emphasizing how this collaboration will support overseas Filipinos, particularly those who lack the financial means to seek legal counsel. On the other hand, Atty. Purificacion Bartolome-Bernabe highlighted the iPBA’s vital role in educating the public through lectures, protecting vulnerable groups, including overseas Filipinos, and building networks with pro bono legal organizations internationally, as well as law schools with legal clinics in the Philippines. Under the agreement, iPBA will primarily accommodate legal referrals from the CFO for free consultation and counseling. The partnership also covers the delivery of legal education through lectures and support for various initiatives benefiting overseas Filipinos and their families, both locally and abroad. **(Photos by Jans Jerome Bentula and Sir Jerry Carual)**

FROM CAMPS TO COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITIES: DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Advances Science for Peace Through Comprehensive Assessment and Monitoring in Mindanao Priority Areas

On April 27 to May 4, 2026, the Department of Science and Technology SOCCSKSARGEN through the direction of Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan and under the guidance of the DOST Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations and in close coordination with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), conducted a Camp Visitation, Monitoring, and Comprehensive Assessment across identified priority communities in Mindanao under the implementation of the SCIENCE FOR PEACE PROGRAM: Science and Technology Solutions for Peaceful and Productive Communities.



The undertaking forms part of the government’s continuing commitment to the Normalization Track of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), particularly on the transformation of former conflict-affected communities into empowered, self-sustaining, and development-ready areas through responsive and inclusive interventions.

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DOST Ilocos Region Opens Growth Opportunities for 25 firms Through Technology Needs Assessment, Paving the Way for SETUP Success



The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) through its Provincial Offices and Regional Program Management Office (RPMO) conducted Technology Needs Assessments (TNA) for twenty-five (25) Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across Region 1 as part of the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP).

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DLSU Laguna Campus Signs MOU with AstraZeneca and D.M. Consunji, Inc., advancing KIST Ecozone



Following its declaration as a Knowledge, Innovation, Science, and Technology (KIST) Ecozone under Presidential Proclamation No. 985, issue on July 2025, the De La Salle University Laguna Campus continues to strengthen its position as a premier innovation hub through the continued support of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

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