



2026 Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo

The two-day Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo, hosted by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA), was held on May 13–14 at the OPA Compound. The event aimed to connect farmers, fisherfolk, and entrepreneurs with a broader network of consumers and stakeholders.

Twenty-seven exhibitors joined the fair, displaying a wide-range of crafts, goods, and produced from various municipalities and cities across the Cavite province.

During the course of program, encouraging messages and remarks were delivered by Engr. Gilbert Gandia, Provincial Administrator; Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian; Mr. Rexcel Amparo, Department of Trade and Industry Representative; Mr. Rolando Maningas, Agricultural Training In- **2026 PROVINCIAL • 6**

Imuseños gathered in a medical and dental mission in their community



Another collaborative effort between the Provincial Government of Cavite and the Local Government Unit of Imus was successfully carried out through a health outreach program held on May 23 at Treelane III Covered Court in Brgy. Bayan Luma VI, benefiting a total of 1,141 Imuseños.

Healthcare professionals from the Imus City Health Office conducted free medical consultations and dental services, while also providing **IMUSEÑOS • 5**

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NEWS

Batangas MSMEs embrace Industry 4.0 technologies to boost competitiveness and business growth

Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Batangas explored how Industry 4.0 technologies such as artificial intelligence, digital platforms, cloud systems, and data analytics can help them improve operations, reach wider markets, and strengthen business competitiveness during the Seminar-Workshop on Industry 4.0: Empowering MSMEs through Affordable Industry 4.0 Technologies held at the PCLEDO Conference Room, Capitol Compound, Batangas City on May 19, 2026.

The activity, organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Enterprise Development Office (PCLEDO), gathered local enterprises, government agencies, and academic institutions to introduce practical and accessible digital technologies that MSMEs can adopt to support productivity, marketing, and long-term business sustainability.

In her opening message, Ms. Maria Theresa H. Gernale, Assistant Provincial Government Department Head of PCLEDO, emphasized that businesses must

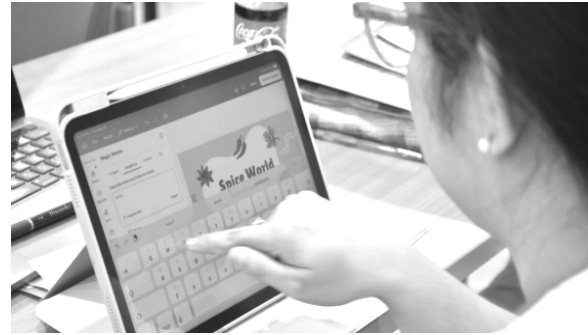
adapt to digital transformation to remain resilient and responsive to evolving consumer behavior and industry trends.

Meanwhile, Ms. Felina C. Malabanan, Provincial Director of DOST-Batangas, highlighted how Industry 4.0 technologies can help MSMEs optimize operations, improve efficiency, and unlock new opportunities for growth through data and innovation.

The seminar featured a series of lectures and hands-on workshops covering Industry 4.0 concepts, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, big data analytics, cybersecurity, and digital

transformation planning. Resource speakers from DOST-Batangas and partner universities demonstrated how these technologies can be applied in practical, affordable ways to help MSMEs streamline operations, strengthen marketing, and make data-driven business decisions.

Engr. Mhark Ellgine A. Libao, Supervising Science Research Specialist of DOST-Batangas, introduced participants to key Industry 4.0 concepts such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, big data analytics, and cybersecurity. He emphasized that MSMEs can begin digital transforma-



tion using affordable tools such as online productivity platforms, QR-based payment systems, and digital marketing applications before transitioning into more advanced technologies.

The seminar also featured demonstrations on how artificial intelligence can support content creation, branding, and productivity for small businesses. Prof. Russel G. Reyes of University of Batangas Lipa City discussed AI-powered tools that allow enterprises to create marketing mate-

rials, visual content, and business presentations more efficiently and at lower cost.

Dr. Ryndel V. Amorado of Batangas State University discussed how data analytics can help MSMEs better understand customer behavior, improve operational planning, and support evidence-based business decisions using accessible digital tools.

The workshop also guided participants in crafting digital transformation roadmaps tailored to their enterprises,

highlighting the importance of workforce readiness, cybersecurity awareness, and gradual technology adoption.

In his closing message, Mr. John Maico M. Hernandez, Senior Science Research Specialist of DOST-Batangas, challenged MSMEs to move beyond awareness and actively apply Industry 4.0 technologies and AI in their operations. He urged enterprises to innovate, integrate digital tools, and seize opportunities to become future-ready.

Through the activity, DOST-Batangas and PCLEDO reinforced their commitment to helping MSMEs harness science, technology, and innovation to become more competitive, resilient, and future-ready in the digital economy. **(By John Maico M. Hernandez)**

Peasant, climate justice orgs unite vs DAR's inaction on agrarian issues

Quezon City, Philippines — Kilusan para sa Repormang Agraryo at Katarungan Panlipunan (KATARUNGAN), Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCLSO), Pambansang Koalisyon ng Kababaihan sa Kanayunan (PKKK), Alter Trade Foundation, Inc., Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino (BMP), Pambansang Kaisahan ng Magbubukid sa Pilipinas (PKMP), Makabayang Alyansa ng Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (Makabayan-Pilipinas), Aniban ng Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (AMA), Focus on the Global South, and other groups have joined forces in calling out the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) over longstanding, unresolved agrarian issues covering 7,887 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) across 19 areas in the country.

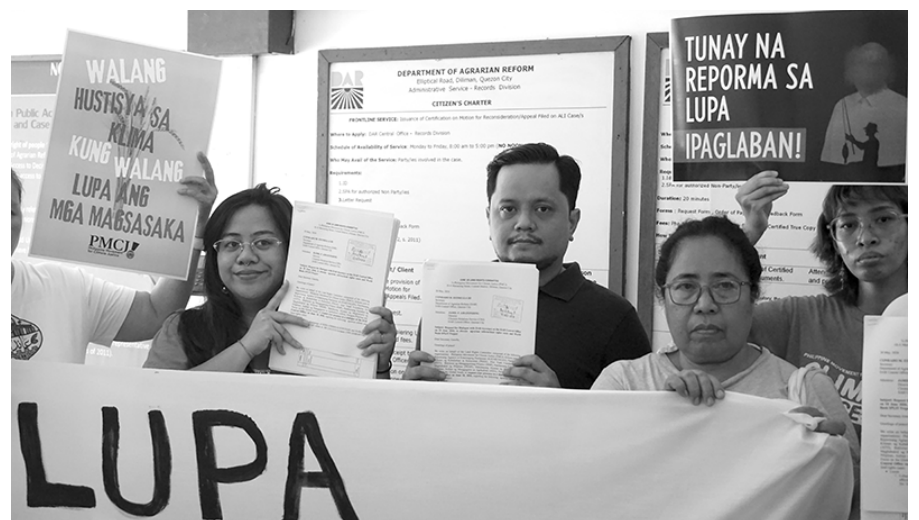


Under the 'June 10 Land Rights Committee', the groups have submitted a letter to the DAR Central Office which outlines the complaints and argues the need for a high-level dialogue with the presence of DAR Secretary Conrado Estrella III, underscoring the urgency of government action in the face

of Super El Niño, worsening poverty incidence in rural communities, and land grabs despite the peasants' hard-won tenurial rights. Two major agenda items are submitted for dialogue: the resolution of more than 19 land cases that remained unresolved for years within the DAR bureaucracy, and the

US\$370 million World Bank SPLIT Project loan.

The 'June 10 Land Rights Committee', the committee set up by the convergence of peasant and climate justice groups, has documented and engaged with ARBs and farming communities, and identified aggressive and massive land conver-



sion, delayed land distribution and redistribution, cancellation of certificates of land award, harassment of ARBs, and inadequate support services as pressing agrarian issues besetting the farmers. These interconnected issues have resulted in significant agricultural land losses, the decimation of livelihoods, displacement, food insecurity, and deepening poverty among affected agrarian reform beneficiaries and farming communities.

The groups are pushing for the dialogue on June 10, 2026 to coincide with the 38th anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Agrarian

Reform Law.

QUOTES: "Ang papataas na antas ng mga paglabag sa karapatan ng mga magsasaka ay bahagi ng patuloy na pagkiling ng estado sa mga korporasyong tubo ang hinahangad at patuloy na pagwawaksi sa karapatan sa lupa at pagkain ng mga magsasaka at karaniwang Pilipino."

— CLARO PASION, Pangulo, Kilusan para sa Repormang Agraryo at Katarungan Panlipunan (KATARUNGAN)

"Without secure and agricultural support services to land, farmers are less able to withstand intensifying droughts,

floods, and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns. The farmers have been at the forefront of every economic and climate crises, weathering the compounded impacts while barely securing the nation's food supply. A genuine agrarian reform program must go beyond land titling and confront the structural roots of inequality and landlessness in the countryside. There is no climate justice if farmers have no rights and do not own the land they till and cultivate."

— IAN RIVERA, National Coordinator, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice

Editorial

Stealing old people's dreams

OLD people are supposed to be retired and, if they are lucky, living on their pensions. But some of them still want to work, to make their money grow. They are blinded by get-rich-quick schemes that prey on this desire to make more money even in the twilight of their lives.

One such scheme was unraveled recently. A Cebuano business processing executive embroiled in a publishing scam targeting American writers has admitted to the charges filed against him. Michael Cris "Mike" Sordilla, 34, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, as well as conspiracy to launder monetary instruments, US authorities announced.

Sordilla is the first of four defendants to admit his role in conspiring with others to operate a fraudulent publishing and film adaptation scheme, according to the US Attorney's Office in the Southern District of California.

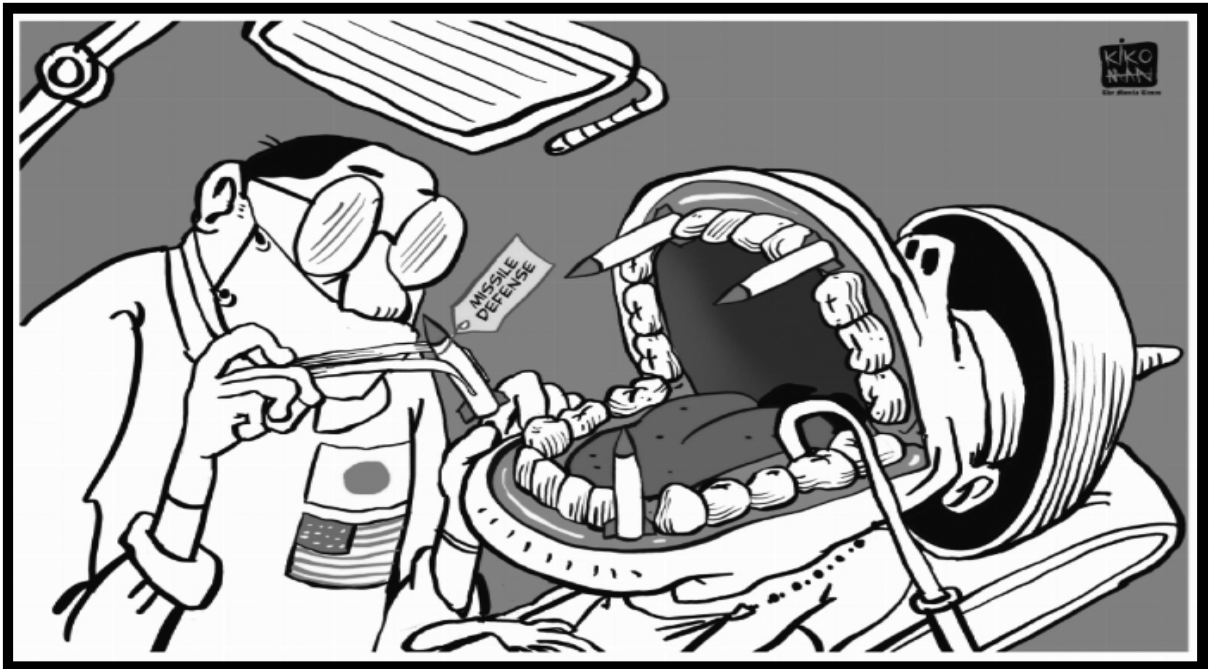
"Today's guilty plea delivers justice for victims and serves as a warning that legitimate publishers and filmmakers do not demand upfront fees," said US Attorney Adam Gordon. The group reportedly defrauded more than 800 victims across the US of over \$48 million. Many of them were senior citizens who were promised lucrative publishing contracts and even Hollywood movie deals in exchange for hefty fees.

Under his plea agreement, Sordilla admitted managing Innocentrix Philippines, a Cebu-based call center, and overseeing the movement of fraudulent proceeds through multiple bank accounts. As part of his guilty plea, he agreed to forfeit the \$2.7 million in proceeds and pay restitution amounting to at least \$48.7 million to victims, the US government added. Sordilla is scheduled to be sentenced on July 24, 2026.

Sordilla, who previously served as chairman of the local pageant franchise Hiyas ng Pilipinas, was arrested in the United States in 2024. Authorities estimated that at least \$42 million was laundered as part of the fraudulent operation. Sordilla personally received about \$2.7 million from the scheme, according to court records, US authorities said.

Gordon described the scam as a cruel exploitation of victims' dreams and ambitions. "The defendants didn't just steal money — they stole dreams, leaving victims with empty promises and devastating losses," Gordon said.

Federal prosecutors said Sordilla founded and



headed Innocentrix Philippines, a company that supposedly operated as a business process outsourcing (BPO) firm in the Philippines. Authorities, however, said the company became the center of a scam operation that ran from 2017 to 2024.

Court documents showed that Sordilla and his co-conspirators created fake publishing and entertainment companies in the United States, including PageTurner Press and Media LLC, Metro Films LLC, and WP Lighthouse LLC. The firms falsely presented themselves as legitimate publishing houses and film production companies supposedly connected with major publishers, movie studios and streaming platforms.

Investigators said dozens of call center agents working under Innocentrix Philippines contacted aspiring authors in the US, pretending to be literary agents or publishing executives. Victims were allegedly told their books had been selected for publication or adaptation into films.

To proceed with the supposed deals, victims were instructed to send payments for various expenses, including taxes, processing charges, transaction fees and marketing services. Moreover, the promises were entirely fabricated.

"PageTurner, WP Lighthouse, and Metro Films were fictitious businesses with no relationship to traditional publishers or Hollywood entertainment companies," prosecutors said in a statement.

The other defendants identified in the case were Gemma Traya Austin, 60, and Michael Glenn Austin, 35, both of Chula Vista, California; and Bryan Navales Tarosa, 35, of the Philippines. Federal investigators previously seized the PageTurner domain and more than \$6 million from bank accounts linked to the fake publishing firms.

The defendants face charges of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, as well as conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment under US federal law. The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Seniors can protect themselves from financial scams by monitoring their accounts regularly. Review bank statements for unauthorized transactions and set up alerts for suspicious activity. They should also create strong passwords. Use unique passwords for each account and enable two-factor authentication for added security.

They must avoid public Wi-Fi for banking and use reputable financial apps. Secure sensitive financial documents by converting them to password-protected PDFs. They must also stay informed about common scams and tactics used by fraudsters like this one, where offers were made to turn their memoirs and memories into nonexistent movie projects.

Mga PRUTAS PARA Sa IYONG KALUSUGAN

1 Saging – Mabuti ang saging sa mga nag-eheersisyo at sa may sakit sa puso dahil may taglay itong potassium. Para sa hindi makatulog at stressed sa buhay, nakapagpaparela din ang saging dahil sa sangkap nitong tryptophan. Kumain ng 2 saging bawat araw para makaiwas sa sakit.

2. Mansanas – May vitamin C at anti-oxidants ang mansanas. Mahalaga na kainin din ang balat ng mansanas dahil may taglay itong pectin na nagtatanggal ng dumi sa ating katawan. Panlaban ang mansanas sa mataas na kolesterol, arthritis at sakit ng tiyan.

3. Maaasim na prutas tulad ng calamansi, dalandan, orange, at suha – Masagana ang mga ito sa vitamin C at panlaban sa sapon, ubo, hika at arthritis. Kapag kumakain ng dalandan, kainin din ang mga maninipis na fibers (pulp bits at membrane) dahil mabuti ito sa ating sikmura.

4. Strawberry – Naniniwala ang mga eksperto na panlaban sa kanser ang strawberry. Mag-ingat lang at may mga taong allergic sa strawberry. Hugasan maigi bago kainin.

5. Papaya – Mataas sa vitamin A at vitamin C ang papaya kaya nakatutulong ito sa ating kutis. Ang papaya ay may papain, isang kemikal na tumutulong sa pagtunaw ng pagkain at sa pag-regular ng ating pagdumi. Mataas din ito sa fiber.

6. Ubas – Ang ubas ay may tannins at flavonoids na puwedeng makapigil sa kanser. Kumain ng ubas kung ika'y nagpapagaling sa sakit. At kapag kulang

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sa dugo at mahina ang katawan, kumain ng ubas para manumbalik ang iyong sigla. Kaya paborito itong iregalo sa mga dumadalaw sa ospital. Hugasan maigi bago kainin.

7. Pakwan at melon – Panlaban ang mga ito sa sakit sa bato at pantog (kidney at bladder infection). Ang pakwan at melon ay punong-puno ng vitamin C at potas- sium. At kapag tag-init, ito ang kailangan ng ating katawan.

8. Buko – Ang buko juice at nakatutulong sa may kidney stones (bato sa bato). Nililinis din ng buko ang ating katawan.

9. Abokado – Ang abokado ay may taglay na good fats at healthy oils. Dahil dito, nakatutulong ito sa pag-iwas sa sakit sa puso at istrok. May sangkap din itong vitamin B6 at vitamin E na pampakinis ng ating balat. Para hindi kumulubot ang mukha, kumain ng abokado.

10. Pineapple – Ang pine-apple ay may brome-lain na makapagpapalakas sa ating resistensya. May sangkap din itong manganese at vitamin B na nagbibigay lakas sa ating katawan.

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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:

- Photographs taken during the petitioner's Baptism Ceremony together with her parents and godparents;
- Photographs taken during the wake of her mother, Rosalinda L. Romerosa, where all family members, including petitioner and her father, were present;
- Photographs of petitioner with her father and his friends while at their Pasay residence; and
- 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.

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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

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techniques, lighting principles, visual storytelling, ethical documentation, and mobile reels creation — essential skills in today's fast-paced digital communication landscape.

Mr. Bugar first discussed the technical foundations of photography, including camera basics and functions, proper handling of camera settings, composition techniques, and lighting principles. He also highlighted the importance of understanding the Exposure Triangle — aperture, shutter speed, and ISO — as the heart of every well-crafted image.

"Ang Exposure Triangle ang pinaka-basic foundation ng photography. Mas mahalagang maintindihan ito dahil dito nagsisimula ang tamang pagkuha at pag-control ng bawat shot. At kung walang light, walang photo — ganoon

lang kasimple ang photography," Mr. Bugar explained.

Participants were introduced to the science behind capturing images and how proper control of light, timing, and composition can transform ordinary shots into compelling photographs.

Following the photography session, Mr. Castigo discussed the fundamentals of photojournalism and visual storytelling, emphasizing that powerful photographs are not only technically good — they should also tell meaningful stories.

"Anyone can take a photo. But not everyone can tell a story in one frame. Kaya mula ngayon, huwag lang tayong basta magpicture. Magkuwento at mag-capture ng mga moments na may meaning," he shared.

He further discussed

the importance of ethical storytelling, identifying impactful shots, caption writing using the Five Ws, proper documentation, and creating engaging reels using mobile phones to effectively communicate stories to the public.

The workshop became more dynamic as participants applied the concepts through practical shooting exercises, output presentations, and interactive critiquing sessions where creativity, technical skills, and storytelling were put into action behind every frame.

More than a technical training, the activity served as a reminder that photography is a powerful tool for communication and public service — one that can capture reality, amplify stories, and preserve moments that inspire communities.

Through initiatives like this, DOST Ilocos Region continues to strengthen partnerships with regional agencies by sharing knowledge and technical expertise in communication, media, and digi-



tal content development anchored on science,

technology, and innovation. **(Karl Anthony M.**

Bugar and Lemuel G. Castigo)

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patients with proper medical advice and guidance regarding their health concerns.

Through the LAB for ALL Van, diagnostic tests, including FBS and ECG, were also provided during the program to help medi-

cal professionals further assess and identify the patients' health conditions.

Following the consultations, the Office of the Provincial Governor's mission team handed out the prescribed medicines and vitamins needed by

the patients.

Mayor Alex Advincula, Congressman AJ Advincula, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod also joined the activity and expressed their gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite for bringing accessible healthcare services closer to the people of Imus. —**OPIO**

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A major highlight of the activity was the comprehensive technical session led by Ms. Maritzu P. Salipada-Sinolinding, RCh, MFSM, the Food Safety Team Leader of DOST XII. Ms. Sinolinding mastered a critical deep-dive into the "Introduction to Food Safety and Sanitation" and "Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)" tailored directly for cacao processing. Her discussion highlighted the science behind proper food handling, rigorous sanitation, and strict quality assurance parameters required to transition local cacao into safe, premium-grade, and export-ready commodities.

Through this collaborative "Training of Trainers" model championed by Dir. Malawan, DOST XII intends to create a powerful multiplier effect. By arming

Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) with rigid scientific methodologies, they are fully empowered to cascade these modern, compliant processing practices directly to grassroots farming communities across the region.

This science-driven approach ensures that our local chocolate and cacao products don't just capture markets locally but confidently meet world-class food safety regulations.

Under the visionary leadership of Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, PhD, the Department of Science and Technology Region XII (DOST XII) Food Safety Team, in active collaboration with the Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI-RTC XII), successfully conducted the "Training of Trainers

on Cacao Post-Harvest Management, Processing, and Marketing" on May 19, 2026, at Belo Hall, ATI-RTC XII, San Felipe, Tantangan, South Cotabato.

The intensive training gathered key agricultural frontline workers and stakeholders from MAFAR BARMM, LGU-Midsayap, LGU-Kidapawan, LGU-Carmen, LGU-Kapalawan SGA BARMM, LGU-Makilala, LGU-Lake Sebu, LGU-Banisilan, LGU-Matalam, LGU-General Santos City, and LGU-Maasim, alongside local cacao farmers.

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for cacao processing. Her discussion highlighted the science behind proper food handling, rigorous sanitation, and strict quality assurance parameters required to transition local cacao into safe, premium-grade, and export-ready commodities.

Through this collaborative "Training of Trainers" model championed by Dir. Malawan, DOST XII intends to create a powerful multiplier effect. By arming Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) with rigid scientific methodologies, they are fully empowered to cascade these modern, compliant processing practices directly to grassroots farming communities across the region.

This science-driven approach ensures that our local chocolate and cacao products don't just capture markets locally but confidently meet world-class food safety regulations.

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Among the services provided by DTI Cavite were business name registration, business

advisory and consultancy, and consumer welfare advocacy consultation.

The team also distributed IEC materials to help raise awareness on entrepreneurship opportunities, consumer rights, and business development programs.

Through its participa-

tion, DTI Cavite continues to bring entrepreneurial support and consumer welfare services closer to communities, ensuring that residents are both empowered and protected.

(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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MPTC convenes multi-sectoral Flood Mitigation Forum to boost resilience in Southern Metro Manila and surrounding provinces

The Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPTS), the south arm of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, brought together stakeholders from national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), and host communities of CALAX and CAVITEX to strengthen collaboration in addressing perennial flooding concerns in Southern Metro Manila and nearby provinces.



This marks the first Flood Mitigation Forum conducted in the South, providing a platform for multi-sectoral dialogue, data sharing, and coordinated planning on flood mitigation efforts.

"This year's forum aims to solidify cooperation among government agencies and LGUs in addressing recurring flooding challenges across Metro Manila and nearby provinces," said MPTC Chief Tollways Development and Engineering Officer Gil F. Amilbangsa.

The MPTC Flood Mitigation Forum 2026 gathered key representatives from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Environment and Natural Resources

(DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO). Participants from the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), and PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC) also took part in the discussions and the sharing of initiatives.

LGU representatives from Las Piñas, Parañaque, Pasay, Taguig, Cavite, and Laguna provided valuable insights during the forum, along with key leaders

including Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Diaz Remulla, Office of Civil Defense Director Jose Harry M. Barber, Biñan City Councilor Titus Bautista, and Former Senator Cynthia Villar of Villar SIPAG Foundation.

Flood risk area data and assessments were provided by AMH Philippines, which was engaged by MPT South, to support evidence-based identification of critical flood-prone areas and inform mitigation planning.

Discussions highlighted the impact of improper waste disposal on flooding, particularly in low-lying communities. LGUs reiterated efforts to

strengthen enforcement of anti-littering and solid waste management ordinances, alongside regular declogging of drainage systems and moni-

torship and improves the relevance of mitigation measures," said Office of Civil Defense Director Jose Harry M. Barber.

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hope for communities in the South, especially during typhoon season. We, at MPT South, will continue to work closely with LGUs and national government agencies to translate discussions into action," said MPT South President and General Manager Andrew B. Pangilinan.

The forum concluded with commitments from stakeholders to improve drainage systems, strengthen flood control management, enhance disaster resilience, and reinforce inter-agency coordination.

The Flood Mitigation Forum 2026 underscores the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation Group's commitment to providing a platform for collaboration and sustained action to address flooding challenges in surrounding communities.

toring of critical waterways.

"Effective flood mitigation depends heavily on good governance, which is a core principle in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) implementation. Participation is essential, as community involvement strengthens own-

barangays and volunteer groups, LGUs continue community-based environmental education campaigns in promoting proper waste segregation, infrastructure planning, and disaster risk reduction initiatives.

"We recognize that multi-sectoral collaboration creates a ripple of

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cial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Rizal, CARE-Philippines - HERS Program, DSWD 4Ps Rizal, TESDA Rizal, and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Antipolo City through Barangay San Luis.

Designed to help participants launch small-scale food enterprises, the training was divided into two batches. The cohort primarily comprised exiting 4Ps beneficiaries from eleven local barangays, including Inarawan, Mambugan, Muntindilaw, San Isidro, Dela Paz, San Luis, Cupang, San Juan, Mayamot, San Roque, and Calawis.

Over the two-day session per batch, participants learned the step-by-step process for preparing commercial favorites such as tocino, siomai, and skinless longganisa. The technical and practical processing of demonstrations was facilitated by TESDA Rizal community-based trainer, Ms. Elvira A. Dalofin, who shared valuable insights on meat processing and techniques, the functions of various ingredients,

and proper equipment handling.

Beyond product formulation, the training heavily emphasized market readiness and regulatory compliance. Ms. Niña Sherylle S. Giron and Ms. Duane Mariel S. Juarez of the DOST CALABARZON Food Safety team spearheaded the discussions on food safety and consumer protection. Their modules focused on strict personal hygiene, proper food handling, and cross-contamination prevention to ensure products are fit for public consumption.

One participant shared their core takeaway from the food safety session: "Food should not only be delicious but also safe for its consumers."

To signify a more unified push for sustainable livelihood, leaders from the agencies that made the activity possible took turns encouraging the beneficiaries to leverage their new skills as they transition out of the DSWD 4Ps Program.

Engr. Mhark Ellgine A. Libao, OIC-Provincial S&T Director of DOST PSTO Rizal, highlighted the

training's strategic value and urged beneficiaries to use these technical skills to generate alternative income streams.

Ms. Caselyn Briguera, Project Manager of CARE Philippines-HERS Program, commended the participants' determination, while Mr. Rene Ruiz, City Livelihood Officer of the same program, lauded the high quality of the products produced by the batches.

Mr. RJ Bermudo of DSWD 4Ps Rizal challenged the beneficiaries to maintain a mindset of continuous learning and to rely on credible technical sources as they start their businesses.

To represent the local administration, Mr. Cris Cate Jr., Barangay Administrator of Brgy. San Luis reaffirmed their unwavering support for grassroots capability-building initiatives.

Through targeted technology transfers and rigorous food safety advocacy, DOST PSTO Rizal and its partner agencies remain committed to driving inclusive economic growth and fostering resilient, self-sustaining communities across the province. **(By Arthea Marie M. Genova)**

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stitute Regional Center Director; Ms. Myrachel Cuadra, Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer – OIC; and Ms. Alys Luya, Representative of 8th Board Member Jasmin

Maligaya-Bautista. They reiterated their solidarity in providing support to strengthen the agriculture industry's livelihood and economic gain, and secure food resources in the province.

The Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit remains one of the flagship events of the Provincial Government of Cavite, recognizing the hard work and dedication of Caviteño farmers and fisherfolk while providing them with opportunities for growth and advancement. — **OPIO**



MAGLIBANG TAYO

KAPALARAN

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Ito ang araw na pagbibigyan mo ang mga taong hindi mo pinagbigyan noon. Tiyak na makabubuti ito sa iyong buhay. Masuwerteng kulay-lavender. Tips sa lotto-2-11-16-20-25-37.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) - Pagmamahal ang naghahari sa iyo, ngunit hindi ang pagmamahal sa materyal na bagay. Iwasan mo rin ang sobrang pagmamahal sa sarili. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-9-15-21-24-30-34.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Tunay kang masuwerte kapag bumagal ang takbo ng iyong mundo dahil palatandaan ito na hindi mo isusubo ang sarili mo sa walang katiyakang pakikipagsapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-3-13-19-28-31-35.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Bumabalik ang mga araw na mas masuwerte ka kaysa sa mga pangkaraniwang tao. Ang hindi mo hiniling ay maaaring dumating sa iyo, at anuman ang mangyari ay magpapaganda pa rin ito ng iyong buhay. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-8-12-22-32-39-43.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Kung sino ang may kakayahan, siya ang dapat umalalay. Ikaw ngayon ay may kakayahan, kaya alalayan mo ang mahihina at nangangailangan. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-4-14-23-29-33-41.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Nagkakaroon ng espasyo kapag may nawawala. Mahiwaga man ang pahayag na ito, para sa iyo, ang bagong espasyo ay para sa bagong kabanata ng iyong buhay. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-1-17-20-26-36-45.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Ibahagi mo ang saya na nasa iyo. Paano? Simple lang, makipagkuwentuhan ka sa isang taong may mabigat na problema at siya mismo ang magsasabing, "Salamat sa pagpapasaya sa akin." Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-6-18-27-35-37-43.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Higit kaninuman, ikaw ang maaaring pagmulan ng biyaya para sa mga walang-wala. Kahit hindi kalakihan ang maibigay mo, labis nila itong pahahalagahan. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-5-16-21-29-32-44.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Mag-ingat ka, dahil mahina ka ngayon laban sa mga tukso. Huwag mong kalimutan na tukso rin ang pabagubagong pasya, lalo na kung hindi mo itutuloy ang matagal mo nang plano. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-4-11-19-24-28-30.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Buhay na buhay ang iyong pag-asa, at ang buhay na pag-asa ay namumunga. Ibig sabihin, magkakaroon ng katuparan ang iyong mga pangarap at magsisimula itong maganap ngayon. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-3-17-20-33-37-40.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Hindi ka ipinanganak upang maging alipin, kaya bakit ka magpapaalipin sa iyong kalungkutan? Walang sinuman o anumang bagay ang maaaring umalipin sa iyo. Ito ang mensahe para sa iyo. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-2-14-15-21-30-45.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Hindi magandang makita ang pagluha ng taong nagkamali sa iyo. Maaawa ka lamang at makakalimutan mo ang mga nagawa niyang kasalanan. Masuwerteng kulay-aquamarine. Tips sa lotto-7-15-18-23-39-42.

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

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

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

• Every puzzle has only one correct solution!

Did You Know?

THE SCOTTISH HAVE 421 WORDS FOR SNOW

Yes, 421! Some examples of words used for snow in Scotland include: sneesl (to start raining or snowing); feeble (to swirl); and flindrikin (a slight snow shower). Weather is very important to the Scots.



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DOST Ilocos Region Empowers TESDA RO1 Information Officers through Expert-Led Training on Photography, Photojournalism, Reels Making

The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region), under the leadership of Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog, served as resource speakers during the "Capturing Stories through the Lens: Basic Photography and Photojournalism Training" organized by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Regional Office No. 1 (TESDA RO1), headed by Regional Director Ramon Evan T. Ruiz, held on May 19–20, 2026 at the TESDA Regional Office I.



More than simply teaching participants how to take photos, the training emphasized the power of photography and storytelling in documenting realities, preserving moments, and communicating stories that matter. As part of the second day of the workshop, Mr. Lemuel G. Castigo, Science Research Specialist I, and Karl Anthony M. Bugar, Project Technical Assistant II, shared their expertise in photography, visual storytelling, photojournalism, and mobile content creation through engaging discussions and hands-on activities. The activity equipped participants with practical knowledge on camera handling, composition

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DTI Cavite Brings Frontline Services closer to Naic community through NHA People's Caravan



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite actively participated in the National Housing Authority (NHA) People's Caravan held on May 26, 2026, at Malainen Bago Integrated School in Rancho Verde 2, Brgy. Malainen Bago, Naic, Cavite. Carrying the theme "Serbisyonag Dala ay Pag-asa," the activity aimed to bring essential government services closer to communities. DTI Cavite, led by Provincial Director Lilibeth R. Chavez, together with CPD Division Chief Rexel B. Amparo, TIDS Renmarc Juangco, NC-TIDS Allen Jay Sablayan, and Business Counselors Joenel Barcial and Patrick Hilom, delivered DTI Cavite's frontline services to residents of NHA housing projects in Naic.

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TOWARDS A COMPETITIVE & RESILIENT CACAO INDUSTRY: DOST XII and DA-ATI partner to equip Agricultural Extension Workers in Mindanao!



Under the visionary leadership of Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, PhD, the Department of Science and Technology Region XII (DOST XII) Food Safety Team, in active collaboration with the Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI-RTC XII), successfully conducted the "Training of Trainers on Cacao Post-Harvest Management, Processing, and Marketing" on May 19, 2026, at Belo Hall, ATI-RTC XII, San Felipe, Tantaran, South Cotabato. The intensive training gathered key agricultural frontline workers and stakeholders from MAFAR BARMM, LGU-Midsayap, LGU-Kidapawan, LGU-Carmen, LGU-Kapalawan SGA BARMM, LGU-Makilala, LGU-Lake Sebu, LGU-Banisilan, LGU-Matalam, LGU-General Santos City, and LGU-Maasim, alongside local cacao farmers.

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DOST, partner agencies equip exiting 4Ps beneficiaries with meat processing and food safety skills



Antipolo City, Rizal — To pave the way for sustainable livelihood opportunities, 114 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries from barangays in Antipolo City underwent a comprehensive, multi-day meat processing and food safety training from May 6 to 12, 2026. The initiative was made possible through a robust collaborative effort among the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Provin-

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