



# DepEd chief lauds education programs in General Trias

**GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) –** Emphasizing the government's bid to provide a conducive learning environment in schools, the Department of Education (DepEd) recently lauded the City Government of General Trias for its continuous support to students.

On June 8, Secretary Sonny Angara expressed his gratitude to Mayor Luis Ferrer IV and Cavite Sixth District Representative Antonio Ferrer for the education projects they launched in the city. Aside from additional school facilities, the city government provided 81,000 school supplies for public school students.

Angara also recognized the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for helping the city government build a new four-storey, 16-classroom school building at the Luis Y. Ferrer Jr. West National High School. **DEDPED CHIEF • 4**

## PDC holds 2026 1st Semester Full Council Meeting



**The Provincial Development Council (PDC) of Cavite convened its 2026 1st Semester Full Council Meeting on June 8, 2026, at the 2nd Floor Function Hall of the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.**

The meeting was presided over by Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, PDC Chairperson, and facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), which serves as the council's secretariat pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991. **PDC HOLDS • 5**

## SC Unveils Historical Marker, Plaque for 125th Anniversary

**MANILA, Philippines —** The Supreme Court of the Philippines officially unveiled a historical marker from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) on June 5, 2026, at the Supreme Court New Building in Padre Faura, Manila, as part of the celebration of the Court's 125th Anniversary.



The unveiling ceremony was led by Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo together with Associate Justices Alfredo Benjamin S. Caguioa, Amy C. Lazaro-Javier, Rodil V. Zalameda, Jose Midas P. Marquez, and Raul B. Villanueva.

Also present during the event were Manila Mayor Francisco 'Isko Moreno' Domagoso, NHCP Commissioners Lisa Guerrero Nakpil, Maria Eloisa P. De Castro, and Francis M. Navarro, as well as University of the Philippines Manila Chancellor Dr. Michael L. Tee.

The NHCP grants historical markers to sites, institutions, structures, individuals, and events with significant historical and cultural value. The installation of the marker officially recognizes the Supreme Court New Building as an Important Cultural Property, safeguarding it from exportation, **SC UNVEILS • 4**



# NEWS

## Cacaomistry strengthens food safety compliance through DOST Rizal's customized GMP training

**ANTIPOLO CITY, Rizal** — The Department of Science and Technology - Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Rizal conducted a specialized two-day training on Basic Food Hygiene and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Gramworth Enterprises Inc. held recently to fortify the standards of food safety and elevate product quality assurance.

Gramworth Enterprises Inc., the micro-enterprise behind the rising local cacao brand Cacaomistry, gathered both its production personnel and back-office sales associates for the capacity-building activity. Initiated upon the request of the firm's CEO and R&D Director, Melanie Medrano, the invention aims to align the company's entire workforce with standardized food safety protocols for its signature powdered chocolate drink and champorado mix lines.

To ensure the training was precisely aligned with the firm's operational environment, the DOST Rizal Food Safety Team conducted a com-

prehensive pre-assessment of Gramworth's manufacturing facility at the EMAX Bldg. in Brgy. San Roque, Antipolo City.

During the site diagnostic, Ms. Duane Mariel S. Juarez, member of the DOST Rizal Food Safety Team, evaluated the current plant layout and provided strategic recommendations in accordance with standardized laws to optimize workflow efficiency and enhance the plant's situation. Utilizing DOST CALABARZON's Food Safety Modules, Ms. Juarez also served as the lead facilitator for the two-day lecture series.

The intensive curriculum covered critical parts

of the food safety management, including: (1) biological, chemical, and physical food hazards, (2) personnel hygiene and cross-contamination prevention, (3) process flow optimization and facility layout preparation, and (4) pest management and control systems.

To translate theoretical concepts into operational habits, the training featured interactive, immersive simulations. Participants underwent a physical hazard extraction test and a handwashing activity to visually demonstrate the efficacy of proper sanitation in the production area. Additionally, employees participated in a workshop mapping out



potential cross-contamination pathways within their actual production flow.

Ms. Medrano expressed her appreciation for the timely discussion, noting that the training equips their staff with technical confidence and know-how to address customer inquiries regarding quality assurance while driving the

enterprise's internal continuous improvement initiatives.

Looking toward long-term growth, the engagement extended beyond the current production site. Following the closed-in sessions, the DOST Rizal facilitators inspected their upcoming commissary site at the Bankers Village III in Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Antipolo

City.

By providing early-stage layout and workflow recommendations for the new facility, DOST Rizal ensures the micro-enterprise's upcoming expansion remains fully compliant with regulatory standards, paving the way for smoother market competitiveness. **(By Arthea Marie M. Genova)**



As part of its Philippine Independence Day celebration, SM City Tanza presents SUPER PINOY VIBES 2026 featuring Mars Ravelo's Darna, in partnership with ABS-CBN and Mars Ravelo's Darna. Running from June 8 to 14, the exhibit offers a Maxed Out Experience through rare memorabilia, comic art, and historical displays that trace the evolution of one of the Philippines' most iconic superheroes. Mallgoers can Gala to the Max as they explore Darna's enduring legacy and her impact on Filipino culture, storytelling, and heroism. More than an exhibit, SUPER PINOY VIBES 2026 is a tribute to Filipino creativity and national pride at the most-loved mall, SM City Tanza. #LipadDarna #Darna #MarsRavelo #SuperPinoyVibesAtSM #GalaToTheMax the most-loved mall, SM City Tanza.

## Editorial

### Pilot implementation of revised high school curriculum needs study

**L**AST week, this space lauded the good work being done by the Department of Education (DepEd) on several fronts. This week, as the school opening looms, the country's biggest department again faces several problems, mostly dealing with that perennial thorn called "the curriculum," or what should subjects be taught, why and when.

Despite mounting and persistent concerns from stakeholders, the DepEd will proceed with the pilot implementation of the strengthened senior high school curriculum for Grade 12 in school year 2026-2027, Education Secretary Sonny Angara said.

In DepEd Memorandum 036, series of 2026, Angara directed officials to ensure that only incoming Grade 12 students who previously took the revised Grade 11 subjects during the initial rollout in school year (SY) 2025-2026 will be covered by the revised curriculum.

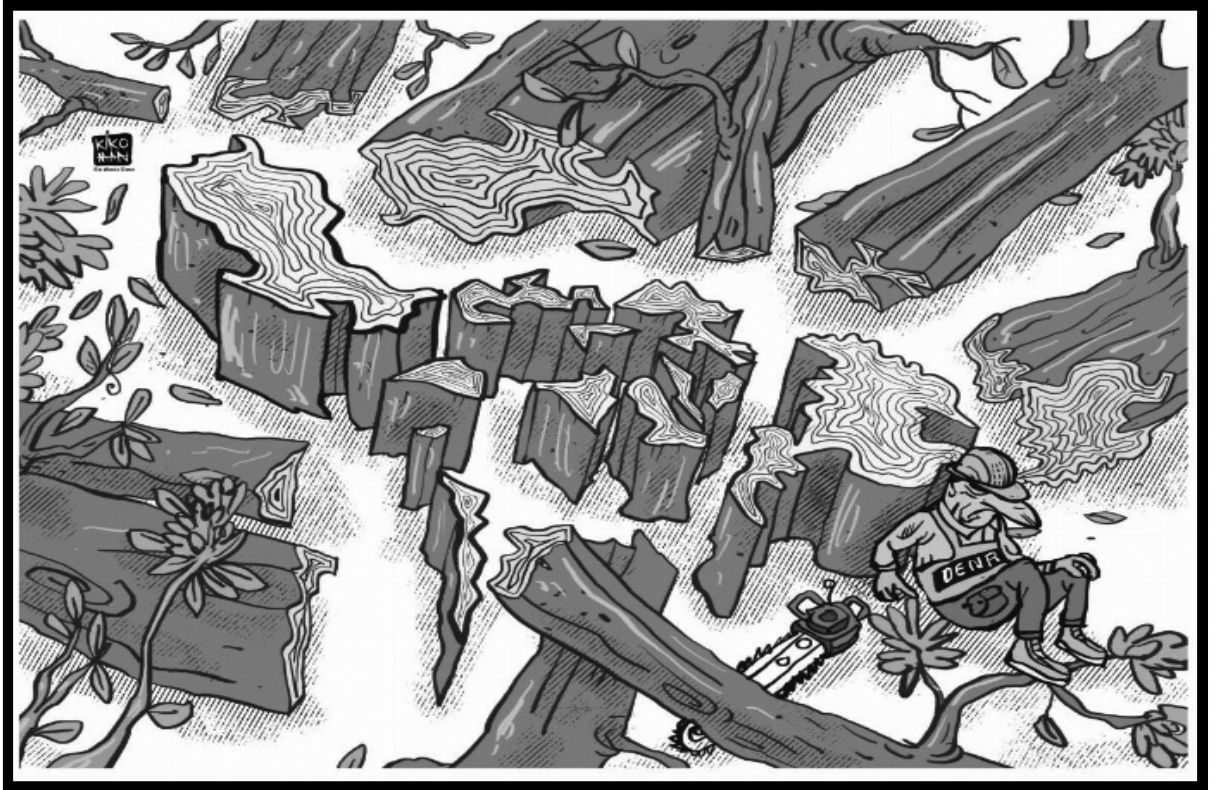
Under the revised curriculum, core subjects will no longer be offered in Grade 12. These subjects include Effective Communication/Mabisang Komunikasyon, General Mathematics, General Science, Life and Career Skills and Pag-aaral ng Kasaysayan at Lipunang Pilipino. These core subjects were already completed in Grade 11.

The DepEd added that work immersion, which will range from 320 to 640 hours, remains mandatory for TechPro learners "to ensure alignment with industry demands." On the other hand, for Academic Track learners, work immersion is optional but recommended for those seeking immediate post-secondary employment. "Academic Track learners intending to pursue higher education are instead recommended to take Field Exposure," the DepEd said.

The strengthened SHS curriculum was initially launched in 887 schools nationwide in SY 2025-2026.

The continued rollout of the revised SHS curriculum comes as the Second Congressional Commission on Education (Edcom 2) reported that nearly half of Filipino learners still failed to meet grade-level expectations in reading proficiency by the end of SY 2025-2026. Based on the DepEd's own nationwide literacy assessments, Edcom 2 said an average of 40 percent of learners from Grades 1 to 10 were classified as struggling readers at the beginning of the school year.

While the number of learners considered grade-level ready, or independent readers, improved from 19 percent in June 2025 to 48 percent in March



2026, around one in two learners still remained below grade-level proficiency by the end of the school year. The commission also flagged alarming literacy gaps in senior high school. It noted that in DepEd's pilot Senior High School Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, 87 percent of Grade 11 students were not independent readers.

While improvements were observed in the elementary level, the gains tapered off in later grades. This is particularly seen for learners from Grades 7 to 10. They were still unable to become independent readers as academic demands became more advanced. In short, Juan and Juana cannot read. How can they then proceed to the rigors of academic work in the succeeding years if the letters and words don't mean anything to them?

"We commend DepEd for undertaking a comprehensive literacy assessment, even going the extra mile to examine how our students are doing in senior high school. This baseline data provides a clear starting point on the refinement of interventions as the DepEd conducts the ARAL (Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning) Summer Program and prepares for the second year of the full rollout of ARAL interventions," Edcom 2 executive director Karol Mark Yee said.

He added that while progress has been made un-

der the ARAL program, the government must now focus on strengthening interventions for high school learners.

"Moving forward, our task now is to design specialized supports to our students in high school, and to better differentiate interventions to help our students actually reach grade level readiness," Yee said.

The DepEd also released P29.16 billion in 2025 for the procurement of textbooks and supplementary reading materials to help combat illiteracy among the young.

The aim is to have a ratio of one textbook per student in the public schools. This will be augmented by books on communication, literature, history, science, mathematics and even general fiction, gender, LGBTQ topics, and the like, to encourage learners to read.

The Alliance of Concerned Teachers, however, said the literacy crisis reflected deeper structural problems in the education sector. This includes a tendency to follow the neo-liberal path to progress, low teachers' pay and lack of continuous improvement in updating the teachers' skills.

School will open in a few days and we see a department trying its best to face the headwinds of a big student population and scarce resources.

## Mga Pagkain Para Gumanda

**M**arami ang nagtatanong, ano ba ang magandang kainin para gumanda ang balat? Mahalaga ang hitsura kasi ito ang unang nakikita kapag tayo ay may kausap.

Ang kulubot o wrinkles ay dulot ng pagkabawas ng collagen at elastin epekto ng pag-edad. Ang mga anti-oxidants tulad ng vitamin A, C, E at selenium ay depensa sa free radicals na sumisira ng mga selula.

1. Ang vitamin A o beta carotene ay para sa pagsasa-ayos o repair ng body tissue at proteksyon sa damage na dulot ng araw. Mga pagkaing mayaman sa vitamin a o beta carotene ay kamote, Karots, Kalabasa, kamatis, bayabas, letsugas, mangga at kangkong.

2. Ang vitamin C ay tumutulong sa pag-gawa ng collagen at proteksyon sa free radicals. Mayaman sa vitamin C ang bayabas, mangga, kalamansi, dalandan, sili, melon, strawberry, okra, pinya, papaya at pakwan.

3. Ang vitamin E ay proteksyon ng cell membrane. Taglay ito ng abokado, mani, red bell pepper, manga, papaya broccoli at tomato paste.

4. Kailangan ang selenium para sa posibleng proteksyon sa pinsala ng araw. May selenium ang talaba, tilapia, laman ng baka, hipon, brown rice, pitso ng manok, itlog, kabute, de latang tuna.

5. Kailangan ang Zinc para mapanatili ang collagen at maiwasan ang pamumula, pagbabalat, pagkakaroon ng nana o impeksyon sa balat. Kumain

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ni Dr. Willie Ong



ng talaba, baka, tenderloin o laman ng baboy, peanut butter, kasoy, mani, walnuts, at green peas.

6. Ang omega 3 fatty acids ay proteksyon sa pinsala ng araw. Ang mga pagkaing mayaman sa omega 3 ay sardinas, dilis, tawilis, hasa-hasa, alumahan, galunggong, tamban, walnuts, talaba, seaweeds o nori.

7. Uminom ng sapat na tubig para at kumain ng mga prutas at gulay na matubig tulad ng pakwan, papaya, pineapple, peppers, melon, mangga, kalamansi, dalandan, broccoli, Karots, cauliflower, letsugas, kabute at kalabasa.

8. Pwede din ang tsaa dahil meron itong polyphenols, antioxidant at tubig.

9. Piliin ang dark chocolate dahil ang cacao ay may anti-oxidant na flavonoids at pampasaya pa.

10. Ang lato o seaweeds o nori ay may phytonutrients para sa balat, buhok at kuko. Mayroon ding iron, iodine, zinc, omega 3 fatty acid at selenium.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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IN RE: PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF  
NEW OWNER'S DUPLICATE  
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IN LIEU OF  
LOST TCT NO. T-978542,

VINCENT B. PALATTAO AND  
DOMINIC NAVARRA, HEREIN  
REPRESENTED BY CAROLINA V.  
IBANEZ, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT,  
Petitioner.

-versus- LRC CASE NO. 8843-2026-56

THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR  
BACOR CITY

Respondent.

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## ORDER

On May 8, 2026, petitioners, through counsel, filed this instant petition alleging among others that: (a) petitioners are the registered owners of a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-978542; (b) on July 23, 2009, petitioners obtained a loan from Spouses Rolando and Virginia Jabinal and said title was delivered to them as collateral for the loan; (c) Spouses Jabinal entrusted the title to **Carolina Ibanez** for safekeeping; (c) Carolina Ibanez informed the petitioners that the title was lost during a big flood; and (d) an Affidavit of Loss was executed to explain the circumstances surrounding the loss of title. Petitioners are praying that the court, after due notice and hearing, render judgment directing the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Bacoor City Branch to issue another **Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-978542** with the same force and effect in lieu of the loss one.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for initial hearing on September 29, 2026 (Tuesday) at 10:00 in the morning at 2nd floor, Main Square Mall, Bacoor Boulevard (formerly Molino Boulevard), Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite, at which date, place, and hour, any interested person may appear and show cause why the said petition should not be granted. Petitioners **VINCENT B. PALATTAO AND DOMINIC NAVARRA** are directed to personally appear on the scheduled hearing.

Petitioners are directed to cause the publication of the copy of this Order at their expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of hearing.

The Sheriff of this Court is ordered to post this Order in six (6) conspicuous places in the Province of Cavite, where the subject property is situated at least one (1) month prior to the aforesaid date of hearing, particularly at the bulletin boards of the following: (1) the main entrance of the Provincial Building of Cavite; (2) the main entrance of the City Hall Building of Bacoor City, Cavite; (3) the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City; (4) 2nd floor, Main Square Mall, Bacoor Boulevard (formerly Molino Boulevard), Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite; (5) the Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, Cavite; and (6) the Barangay Hall where the property is situated.

SO ORDERED.

IN CHAMBERS, this 12th day of May, 2026 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

(Sgd.) **NIKKI ROSE DELA PEÑA ESPERANZA**  
Presiding Judge

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modification, or demolition.

Originally constructed between 1928 and 1930 as the main library of the University of the Philippines, the building was designed by renowned Filipino architect Antonio Toledo in the neoclassical tradition. Following the transfer of UP to Diliman in 1949, the structure became home to the Department of Foreign Affairs until it was renovated and formally designated as the new seat of the Supreme Court in 1991.

The historical marker chronicles the evolution of the Supreme Court since its formal establishment through Act No. 136 on June 11, 1901, under the leadership of the first Chief Justice, Cayetano Arellano. The Court's early sessions were held at the Audiencia building in Intramuros before relocating to the Ayuntamiento building in 1938. Following the destruction of the Ayuntamiento during World War II, the Court tempo-

rarily transferred to the Budget Commission building, now known as Mabini Hall, in Malacañang.

In succeeding decades, the Court occupied Villamor Hall at UP Manila, now referred to as the Supreme Court Old Building, which currently houses the Office of the Court Administrator and the Judiciary Memorabilia Hall. Adjacent to it is the Centennial Building, completed in 2002 and designed by Palafox Associates, which accommodates several key support offices of the Court.

Speaking on behalf of the Court, Justice Raul B. Villanueva emphasized that the historical marker symbolizes the enduring role of the judiciary in Philippine democracy.

"The marker serves as a constant reminder that the Court is not merely a majestic building, but a continuity of principle that has outlasted regimes, wars, and even the destruction of the very buildings where it once sat," Justice Villanueva

**VINCENT B. PALATTAO and DOMINIC NAVARRA**  
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Provincial Capitol

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said.

He further underscored the Supreme Court's role in safeguarding democracy, protecting constitutional rights, and ensuring the rule of law.

"Every landmark decision, doctrine, and legal precedent handed down from this Court has woven itself into the very fabric of the Republic, giving citizens the assurance that justice prevails over might," he added.

Supreme Court Spokesperson Atty. Camille Sue Mae L. Ting likewise reflected on the institution's resilience through generations of justices and reforms.

"Through the years, the Supreme Court has faced both progress and challenge—from war and occupation to periods that tested its independence. Yet, it endured," Atty. Ting stated.

She also highlighted the Court's continuing reforms under the Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022–2027 (SPJI), aimed at improving efficiency, accessibility, and innovation in the justice system for all Filipinos.

"These markers are more than reminders of our past. They remind us of the responsibility we carry today and the legacy we leave for tomorrow," she said.

NHCP Executive Director Carminda R. Arevalo, in her message, emphasized the enduring trust of the Filipino people in the Supreme Court throughout its 125-year history.

"Sa loob ng 125 taon, nanatiling matibay ang tiwala at paggalang ng mga Pilipino sa Korte Suprema bilang pangunahing tagapagtaguyod ng Saligang Batas at tagapangalaga ng katarungan," Arevalo said.

During the ceremony, the Certificate of Transfer and Acceptance of the Historical Marker was formally signed by Supreme Court Clerk of Court En Banc Atty. Marife M. Lomibao-Cuevas and NHCP Executive Director Arevalo, witnessed by Atty. Ting and NHCP Deputy Executive Director for Programs and Projects Alvin R. Alcidi.

Chief Justice Gesmundo and the Associate Justices also unveiled the Supreme Court 125th Anniversary commemorative plaque, which designates the Supreme Court New Building as the Court's principal seat from 1991 to the present and honors the Chief Justices and current members of the Supreme Court En Banc who have served there.

The unveiling ceremony forms part of the year-long celebration of the Supreme Court's 125th Anniversary under the theme, "SC: 125 Years of Tradition and Innovation," highlighting the Court's commitment to preserving the rich history and heritage of the Philippine Judiciary while continuing to advance judicial reforms and public service. **(SC Office of the Spokesperson)**

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"Patunay ito na kapag nagkakaisa ang lokal na pamahlaan, mga paaralan, at mga katuwang na ahensya, mas marami tayong nagagawa para sa kinabukasan ng kabataan."

Under the administration of President Ferdinand

Marcos Jr., the education chief assured that it will continue to push for projects that will improve the learning environment for students as part of the government's bid for a safe, sound, and quality education. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON/Sonny Angara/Facebook)**



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the facility as a major step toward decentralizing innovation and bringing technology-driven development closer to communities. He noted that the establishment of RYPIC demonstrates the commitment of DOST-PTRI under the FRONTIER Program to strengthen local industries through regional innovation hubs, enabling communities to benefit directly from science and technology interventions.

The center addresses a growing demand for yarn in SOCCSKSARGEN, which DOST-PTRI data identifies as one of the country's leading regions in handloom weaving communities and practicing weavers. Strategically located in Cotabato, the facility is positioned to serve weaving com-

munities across SOCCSKSARGEN, Northern Mindanao, the Davao Region, and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

According to DOST-PTRI Director Dr. Julius L. Leaño Jr., the launch of RYPIC is not only about establishing infrastructure but also about developing a textile innovation ecosystem that connects fiber producers, yarn manufacturers, weavers, researchers, local governments, and industry stakeholders. He emphasized that the initiative combines technological innovation with the region's rich textile traditions, creating a foundation for sustainable growth while preserving cultural heritage and supporting local livelihoods.

The facility is expected

to become a critical link in the region's growing textile value chain. Fiber sources include pineapple leaves from plantations in Polomolok, South Cotabato; abaca from Lake Sebu; and cotton from farms in Sarangani Province, all processed through the Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub in Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat.

By transforming agricultural by-products into valuable textile materials, the initiative promotes circular economy practices while opening additional income streams for farming communities. Farmers can now derive value not only from their primary agricultural products but also from materials that were previously considered waste.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A.



Maborrang highlighted the broader socioeconomic impact of the facility, noting that its annual production capacity of approximately 13 tons of natural textile fiber blended yarns can help generate sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural communities throughout SOCCSKSARGEN and the rest of Mindanao. He underscored that the initiative demonstrates the growing competitiveness of Philippine natural textile fibers and their potential to meet both local and international market demands.

The project is expected to directly benefit farming groups such as the POLO Multi-Purpose Cooperative and Sta. Cruz Multi-Purpose Coop-

erative, while supporting approximately 1,982 handloom weavers across Mindanao through improved access to locally produced yarn.

Further strengthening the region's textile industry, DOST-PTRI is also advancing the development of a bamboo textile fiber facility in Maramag, Bukidnon. The upcoming facility will process underutilized bamboo species into textile fibers, complementing the operations of RYPIC and expanding the range of sustainable raw materials available for yarn production.

Once fully operational, the center is projected to produce between 50 and 75 kilograms of yarn daily, equivalent to approximately 270 meters

of handloom-woven fabric measuring one meter in width. With yarn valued at around ₱1,800 per kilogram, the facility is expected to generate between P25 million and ₱72 million in annual revenue while reducing dependence on imported yarn and stimulating greater weaving activity throughout Mindanao.

Through investments in regional innovation infrastructure, sustainable fiber development, and community-based production systems, RYPIC represents a significant step toward building a resilient Philippine textile industry that creates opportunities from farm to fabric while empowering communities across Mindanao. **(Nelson Santos)**

## PDC holds

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As the highest planning and policy-making body of the local government unit, the Provincial Development Council is mandated to hold a full council meeting at least twice a year to discuss and deliberate on development plans, programs, and projects that contribute to the province's growth and progress.

Present during the meeting were 5th District Board Member Aidel Paul G. Belamide, Ternate Mayor and Cavite Mayors' League President Lamberto Bambao, representatives of Board Members Rafael Paterno and Chelsea Sarno, representatives from various city and municipal governments, representative of 2nd District Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla, Civil Society Organization

(CSO) representatives, and other stakeholders.

Among the agenda items discussed were the ratification of PDC Resolution Nos. 2026-01 to 2026-04; proposed Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) projects; the Supporting Innovation in the Philippine TVET System (SIPTVETS) - Regional TVET Innovation Center in Cavite; the Philippine Multisectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP); the Local Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan; and the second supplementary list of Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs) for inclusion in the 2026 Annual Investment Program (AIP).

The council also updated the preparation of local development plans and programs of cities and municipalities, including the Comprehen-

sive Land Use Plan (CLUP), Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), Annual Investment Program (AIP), and Gender and Development (GAD) Monitoring Report. Likewise, the Cavite Provincial Project Monitoring Committee presented its accomplishment report.

Additional matters raised during the meeting included the proposed Inclusive Partnership for Agrarian Reform Communities (IPARC) Project of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the proposed infrastructure projects of the City of Bacoor.

The meeting served as a venue for collaboration among local chief executives, government agencies, civil society organizations, and development partners in advancing initiatives that promote inclusive and sustainable development across the Province of Cavite. —**OPIO**

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Engr. Vergara explained that while the country's weather is currently normal, there is a 79% chance that a strong El Niño will develop between June and August, which could last until the early part of 2027. He corrected a common misunderstanding that the extreme heat we are feeling right now is already caused by El Niño. In fact, the start of El Niño is expected to bring more rain and stronger storms to the western part of the country first. This is because it pulls and strengthens the southwest monsoon (habagat), long before the actual dry weather and water shortage happen toward the end of the year.

The discussion also focused on Tropical Cyclone Jiangmi (locally named Domeng). While the storm is not expected to hit land, it is helping trigger the official start of the rainy season by pulling the habagat winds toward the country. This transition is the reason behind the sudden, heavy afternoon rains currently

experienced in parts of the region, which are caused by localized thunderstorms that form after hours of intense morning and midday heat.

The episode also broke down the concept of the heat index, or the "apparent temperature"—which is how hot the weather actually feels to the human body based on the air temperature and relative humidity (the amount of moisture in the air). When humidity is high, the body struggles to sweat and cool itself down, making the air feel heavy and sticky. The agency warned that these conditions can cause severe stress to crop and farm animals and pose serious health risks like heat exhaustion and heat stroke, especially for outdoor workers like farmers, street sweepers, traffic enforcers, and construction workers.

To stay safe at home, Engr. Vergara shared practical tips, advising residents to open windows on opposite sides of the house to create a

natural breeze. He warned that running an electric fan inside a closed, unventilated room is unsafe because it only circulates the trapped hot air. The public was strongly urged to check DOST-PAGASA's official heat index forecasts regularly, and to immediately treat any signs of heat stress with proper rest, continuous hydration, and staying out of direct sunlight.

"Mainit man o maulan sa gitna ng pabagong panahon, ang pinakamahalaga ay ang pagkakaroon ng tamang impormasyon mula sa mga opisyal na mapagkukunan. Iwasan natin ang fake news at ugaliing maging handa sa lahat ng hamon ng panahon—iyan ang isa sa pinakamabisang proteksyon para sa ating mga kababayan," paggigiti ng ahensya.

Through Tekno PreSyensya, DOST Ilocos Region remains committed to delivering accurate, easy-to-understand weather updates to fight misinformation on digital platforms and keep communities safe through verified reports straight from DOST-PAGASA. **(Aryan Joy M. Soliman)**



# NEWS

## DTI Region 4-A to Bring 50 MSMEs to the Forefront Through KALAKAL CALABARZON 2026

**CALABARZON, Philippines**—The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region 4-A, in partnership with its Provincial Offices in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, will stage the 13th KALAKAL CALABARZON Regional Trade Fair on June 24-28, 2026 at the Palm Drive Activity Center, Glorietta 2, Ayala Center, Makati City, bringing together some of the region's most promising micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) under the theme "Galing Lokal Hanggang Global."

Since its inception in 2014, KALAKAL CALABARZON has served as a premier platform for promoting and marketing products from CALABARZON-based enterprises. The annual trade fair provides MSMEs with opportunities to showcase their products, connect with institutional buyers, expand their market reach, and generate sales through direct selling and order-taking activities.

This year's trade fair will feature 50 DTI-assisted MSMEs from across the region, representing various sectors and priority industry clusters. These enterprises are beneficiaries of DTI programs and services, including the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Gen Program, Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME) Program, Negosyo Center (NC) Program, and the Compre-

hensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

The event aims to strengthen market opportunities for participating MSMEs, support their business sustainability efforts, and increase consumer appreciation for locally manufactured products and services. It also seeks to facilitate business matching activities between exhibitors and institutional buyers while generating at least P5 million in sales.



KALAKAL CALABARZON has evolved to adapt to changing market conditions. From its physical staging at major commercial venues such as SM Megamall, Festival Mall, Glorietta, and Shangri-La Plaza, to its online editions during the COVID-19 pandemic through digital platforms, the trade fair has consistently supported the growth and market expansion of CALABARZON MSMEs.

As DTI Region 4-A continues to champion entrepreneurship and inclusive economic growth, the 13th KALAKAL CALABARZON Regional Trade Fair stands as a testament to the region's thriving MSME sector and its readiness to seize opportunities in both local and global markets.

The public, institutional buyers, business partners, and industry stakeholders are invited to visit the trade fair and discover the exceptional products and services that showcase the creativity, innovation, and excellence of CALABARZON enterprises.

DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente underscored the importance of empowering local enterprises and elevating their competitiveness in both domestic and international markets.

"The theme 'Galing Lokal Hanggang Global' reflects the remarkable journey of our MSMEs—from nurturing local talents and industries to

achieving broader market opportunities beyond our borders. Through KALAKAL CALABARZON, we continue to provide avenues for our entrepreneurs to showcase their innovation, quality, and resilience, proving that products proudly made in CALABARZON can compete and thrive in the global marketplace," said Director Argente.

Over the years,

### MPTC Promotes

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Held at One Ayala in Makati City and Victory Plaza in Caloocan City, the caravan brought together 284 jeepney, UV express, and bus drivers from 42 transport organizations and companies for learning sessions and interactive activities focused on road safety.

"At MPTC, safety remains at the core of everything we do. Through programs like the BiyaHero Road Safety Caravan, we aim to further equip drivers with the knowledge they need to make safer decisions on the road. While protocols and systems are in place to enhance road safety, achieving safer journeys requires the shared responsibility and cooperation of all road users," said MPTC Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer West Dionisio.

Participants also benefited from free eye screenings and prescription eyeglasses, while Easytrip representatives provided on-site assistance for RFID installation and transaction concerns.

The road safety caravan was conducted in partnership with the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the Department of Health (DOH), the Road Safety Division of the Provincial Government of Cavite, the Public Safety and Traffic Management Department of the City Gov-

ernment of Caloocan, One Ayala, and Victory Plaza.

"Kami po sa government ay kaisa ninyo sa pag-maintain ng disiplina at kaligtasan sa kalsada. Bilang mga professional drivers po, palagi po nating isipin na aalis tayo para maghanapbuhay para sa ating mga pamilya, kaya palagi nating siguraduhing ligtas tayong uuwi sa kanila. Para po masiguro ito, kailangan natin ng disiplina, pasensya, at awareness sa kalsada," said TRB Regulation Division Chief Joz Carlos Ordillano.

A key session facilitated by TRB Regulation Division Chief Joz Carlos Ordillano tackled common traffic violations among buses, trucks, public utility vehicles (PUVs), and motorcycles — these include speeding, improper lane use, unsafe overtaking, tailgating, distracted driving, and overloading. He also highlighted how some driving habits, while often considered routine, can create safety risks for motorists and commuters alike.

To make learning more engaging, participants took part in a driving simulator experience, drunk goggles challenge, and an interactive road safety quiz.

"Maraming salamat po sa pamunuan ng MPTC sa pag-oorganisa ng BiyaHero Caravan.

Marami po kaming mga bagong natutunan at napaka-lively ng mga activities. Marami kaming natutunan sa mga lectures ng mga resource speakers," said transport company United Twelve Corporation President Rizalino Villaraza.

Beyond the caravan, MPTC continues to promote road safety through its year-round Mission Road Safety program, which includes the Usapang Driver seminar for partner companies and transport groups, Kaligtasan sa Daan (KaSaDa) initiative for partner communities and neighboring barangays, and Cebu Cordova Link Expressway Corporation's (CCLEC) Istoria Ta Bai! advocacy program, which encourages safe driving habits and awareness of CCLEC's safety features.

MPTC also continues to amplify road safety messages through the digital platforms of NLEX Corp., MPT South, and CCLEC, reaching motorists with information on proper expressway driving, traffic regulations, vehicle roadworthiness, and travel preparedness.

Through the years, MPTC has institutionalized its multi-stakeholder road safety initiatives across its expressways network in Luzon and Visayas—NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, CAVITEX, CAVITEX C5 Link, and CCLEX — earning recognition from both local and international organizations.

### Strengthening

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Launched in 2021 by the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), the WHWise Program supports women-led social enterprises through technology, research and development (R&D), technical assistance, and mentoring.

The program aims to strengthen the capacity of women social entrepreneurs to create greater impact in their communities and among marginalized sectors through innovative and sustainable solutions.

According to Ms. Montecillo, the WHWise Program plays a vital role in helping women-led social enterprises expand their services and social impact. Through the program, women entrepreneurs are empowered to maximize science, technology, and innovation in improving their operations and

reaching more communities. She also emphasized the program's "multiplier effect," where the success of one women-led enterprise inspires more women to pursue their own community-driven initiatives.

During the interview, Ms. Montecillo encouraged aspiring women entrepreneurs to pursue innovation despite the challenges of balancing various responsibilities. She highlighted the availability of support systems such as Technology Business Incubators (TBIs), innovation hubs, DOST programs, and other capacity-building initiatives that can guide women throughout their entrepreneurial journey. She also assured the public that DOST offices and the WHWise Program remain open to assisting applicants in proposal development and innovation planning.

Ms. Montecillo further clarified that proposals that are not immediately approved may still be improved and resubmitted in future application cycles, depending on the reason for disapproval. She explained that the program aims not only to provide funding opportunities but also to help social enterprises strengthen their capabilities and connect them with the most suitable support mechanisms.

Through Tekno PreSyensya, DOST Ilocos Region continues to bring science, technology, and innovation programs closer to the public, particularly to women aspiring to become catalysts for positive change in their communities. The agency encourages women-led social enterprises and aspiring social entrepreneurs in Region 1 to take advantage of this opportunity and submit their concept proposals before the extended deadline.

# MAGLIBANG TAYO

## KAPALARAN

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)** - Kikilos ka na wala sa loob mo, pero ang masuwerteng balita ay tama ang ikikilos mo. Hayaan mo na ang kapalaran mo ang magdikta sa mga dapat mong gawin. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-1-13-19-24-28-30.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)** - Hawak mo ngayon ang iyong kapalaran. Oo, hawak mo ang beat! Kaya kung ano'ng gusto mo, 'yun din ang gugustuhin ng langit. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-6-17-22-27-29-34.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** - Mas gaganda pa ang takbo ng iyong kapalaran kaysa sa nakaraan. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-5-11-25-30-32-40.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** - Hindi paasa ang langit. Sa ngayon, naghahanda na ng regalo sa iyo ang langit upang ibuhos ang kagalakan sa iyo. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-2-16-20-31-37-42.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Iwasan mong mapansin na ikaw ay mapagmalaki. Sa totoo lang, nakahihigit ka sa karamihan, pero maganda pa rin kung magpapakababa ka. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-7-14-26-33-38-41.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Sapat na ang talino mo para masolusyunan ang mahihirap na palaisipan. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-8-12-24-27-30-44.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Kumuha ka ng aral sa buhay mula sa masaklap na karanasan ng isang kakilala mo, dahil hindi ka puwedeng matulad sa kanya. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-9-11-16-21-38-43.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Kung magpapayo ka, gandahan mo ang tono ng iyong boses, dahil ang pagkakamali ng ilang nagpapayo ay tama nga ang kanilang sinasabi, ngunit hindi naman tama ang tono ng kanilang pananalita. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-3-15-19-24-31-39.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Iyo ang araw na ito. Hinihintay na ng langit ang kahilingan mo. Gawin mo itong simple at huwag nang lagyan pa ng kung anu-anong dekorasyon. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-6-16-25-27-33-35.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Kung magpapatuloy ang pagiging mahiyain mo, hindi mo malalaman na ikaw pala ay sobrang lakas. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-4-14-26-29-34-41.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Huwag kang magdalawang-isip, gawin mo nang mabilis ang gusto mong gawin. Ang pagdadalawang-isip ay noon pa hadlang sa magagandang kapalaran na para sa iyo. Masuwerteng kulay-orange. Tips sa lotto-7-13-22-30-32-39.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** - Tanggapin ang imbitasyon na makibahagi ka sa pagsasaya at paglalakwatsa. Pero unahin mo muna ang dapat unahin. Masuwerteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-2-11-19-23-38-42.

## SUDOKU

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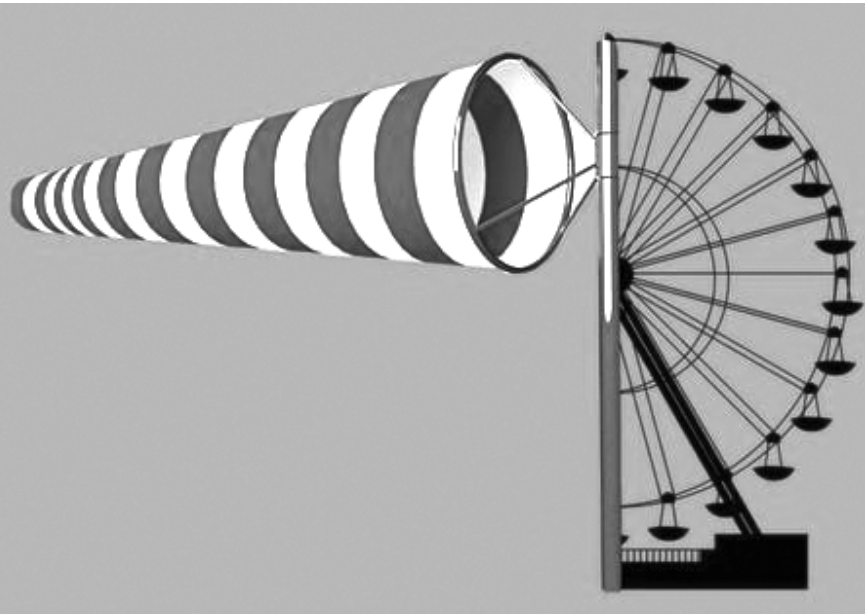
**HOW TO PLAY:** Sudoku puzzle is made up of a 9-by-9 grid with nine 3-by-3 sub-grids called boxes. There are 9 rows, 9 columns and 9 boxes in every puzzle. The object of the game is to fill all squares in the grid with the correct number.

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

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

• Every puzzle has only one correct solution!

## Did You Know?



## THE WINDY CITY NICKNAME HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CHICAGO'S WEATHER

If you live in Chicago, you might already know this random fact, but we're betting most other people don't. Chicago's nickname was coined by 19th-century journalists, referring to the city's politicians being long-winded or boastful "windbags." However, according to the Chicago Historical Society's Encyclopedia of Chicago, the nickname may have come from jealous urban rivals, who felt Chicago's residents' boosterism, or self-promotion, represented their "windiness" and being "full of hot air."

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# MPTC Promotes Responsible Driving Through Mission Road Safety BiyaHero Caravan



Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), together with its subsidiaries NLEX Corporation and MPT South, reinforced its commitment to safer roads by bringing together national government agencies, local government units, transport groups, and private sector partners for the “Mission Road Safety BiyaHero Caravan.” The program aims to enhance the practical skills, safety alertness, and responsible driving culture of drivers and operators.

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# DOST strengthens Mindanao textile industry with launch of first Regional Yarn Production and Innovation Center



KABACAN, Cotabato – The Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI), in partnership with the University of Southern Mindanao (USM), officially launched the Regional Yarn Production and Innovation Center (RYPIC) in Kabacan, Cotabato on June 5, 2026, marking a significant milestone in the development of Mindanao’s textile industry.

As the first facility of its kind in Mindanao and the fourth in the country, RYPIC is expected to improve access to locally produced yarn, strengthen regional textile production, and create new economic opportunities for farmers, weavers, and rural communities across the island.

DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. described

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# Strengthening Women Through Innovation: DOST-PCIEERD Highlights WHWise Program for Women-Led Social Enterprises on Tekno PreSyensya

As part of its continuing efforts to promote women empowerment in innovation and entrepreneurship, the latest episode of Tekno PreSyensya—the official broadcast program of DOST Ilocos Region—featured the Women-Helping-Women: Innovating Social Enterprises (WHWise) Program.



During the discussion titled “Fueling Women-Led Social Innovation: WHWise Program Overview and Proposal Guide,” Ms. Dolf Mirelle J. Montecillo, Project Technical Assistant VI and Assistant Program Manager of the WHWise Program, shared valuable insights about the initiative, including practical guidance on developing a strong WHWise proposal following the extension of the application deadline until June 5, 2026.

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# DOST-PAGASA Explains Connection Between Habagat, El Niño, and Heat Index Amid Changing Weather



As many areas continue to experience intense morning heat and sudden afternoon rains, the Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) continues to step up its efforts to provide timely updates about the country's weather and climate. In response to many questions from the public after Episode 8 of Tekno PreSyensya, the agency hosted a follow-up discussion through Episode 10, titled “Bantay Ulat Panahon: Habagat-El Niño Outlook and Heat Index Monitoring.” The program featured Engr. Mark Louie A. Vergara, Weather Specialist II from DOST-PAGASA Northern Luzon, who cleared up confusion about current weather conditions and what to expect in the coming months.

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