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DISPOSAL OF VALUELESS RECORDS
22 APRIL 2026 | NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

Provincial Government of Cavite Conducts Successful Disposal and Sale of Valueless Records

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) successfully conducted the disposal and sale of valueless records on April 22, 2026 at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City, reaffirming its commitment to efficient records management and regulatory compliance.

The actual disposal was witnessed by representatives from the National Archives of the Philippines, the Commission on Audit, and the designated records officers of PGC offices, ensuring transparency and compliance at every stage of the process. Prior to the sale, a thorough verification of records was conducted to ensure that only authorized materials were disposed.

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PGC conducts TUPAD orientation for 10-day work program

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), successfully conducted the TUPAD Orientation on April 22, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City, reinforcing its continuing commitment to provide immediate and inclusive employment assistance to qualified workers.



TUPAD ORIENTATION
22 APRIL 2026 | FUNCTION HALL, NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE

The activity was led by Ms. Rizalie Enero, PESO Manager, in coordination with Ms. Fatima Carvajal, TUPAD Coordinator, and in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

During the orientation, beneficiaries were briefed on the program's guidelines, scope of work, and proper implementation procedures to ensure orderly and effective participation.

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DOST RECOGNIZES BAUERTEK FARMACEUTICAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

27 April 2026 – The Department of Science and Technology – Technology Application and Promotion Institute (DOST-TAPI) officially opened this year's National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE), an annual platform that promotes and showcases Filipino innovations from across the country.



One of the highlights of the event was the Stakeholders' Recognition for International Inventors, which honored individuals and organizations that brought pride to the Philippines through their global achievements. Among the awardees, Bauertek Farmaceutical Technologies stood out for earning multiple Gold Medals from international competitions held in Poland (2024), the United States (2025), and most recently, Romania (2026).

These accomplishments demonstrate the growing capability of Filipino innovators to compete and excel on the global stage, reinforcing the country's position in the field of science and technology.

The recognition was formally presented by DOST DOST RECOGNIZES • 5

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DOST-Cavite conducts technology needs assessment at Valucrops Inc.

DOST-Cavite conducted a Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) at the facility of Valucrops Inc. in Amadeo, Cavite as part of the company's application for the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP).

The activity aimed to evaluate the company's current production processes, identify operational gaps, and determine appropriate science and technology interventions to enhance productivity, efficiency, and product quality. DOST Cavite technical staff assessed key areas, including equipment utilization,

workflow, and compliance with good manufacturing practices.

Through the assessment, recommendations were provided to address identified challenges and support the company's proposed upgrading plans. The initiative is expected to help Valucrops Inc. strengthen its operations and im-

prove its competitiveness in the market.

This effort forms part of DOST Cavite's continuing commitment to assist local enterprises through technology-driven solutions, fostering innovation and sustainable growth among MSMEs in the province. **(By Jenica Krystel N. Balenia)**



PMcJ joins network for green jobs, green growth promotion, signs MOU with NAPC, other orgs

Quezon City, Philippines — The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMcJ), National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), Caritas Philippines Inc., Fair Trade Alliance, Homenet Multipurpose Cooperative Inc., and Pambansang Kalipunan ng mga Manggagawang Impormal sa Pilipinas (PATAMABA), who constitute the CSO Network on Green Growth and Green Jobs for Informal Sectors (CSO Network), signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Apr. 30, 2026, signifying their commitment to advancing environmental justice and inclusive development.

The MOU aims to establish a framework for the CSO Network to promote and advocate for the full implementation of Republic Act No. 10771, or the Philippine Green Jobs Act of 2016.

"We welcome the NAPC's effort to properly involve the CSOs that actively engage with communities, vulnerable and informal sectors, and groups, and address issues being faced by the marginalized sectors. For a climate justice group that pushes for systemic change, green economic transition is a key priority. The just transition, which has achieved consensus among member states under the Conference of Parties (COP), serves as a framework towards the Philippines economic and social transformation amidst the challenges posed by climate, economic, and other externalities. The green jobs green growth agenda, which we hope will be achieved with NAPC, will become a common climate action platform that will secure the basic sectors from the crises," said Ian Rivera, PMcJ national coordinator.

Laica Rayel, PMcJ food, land, water, and climate (FLWC) senior campaign officer, stressed

that the engagement, albeit late, is important and substantive. "Most of the programs run by the government are oblique in addressing the actual situation of the informal and marginalized sectors and groups. Take, for example, agriculture, which has been severely battered by a series of extreme weather events: Department of Agriculture programs run incoherently with what is needed. But first, we must do away with barriers and obstacles to a meaningful consultative process," Rayel lamented.

Elle Bartolome, PMcJ policy, campaigns, and communications lead, recalled how some government agencies failed to inform and include CSOs and people's organizations in the crafting of various essential frameworks.

"In February 2026, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources gave the public five days to comment on the draft Just Transition Framework. Even though we (the PMcJ) managed to turn in our comments, it is still not sufficient for a thorough review. The public's input should not be treated as an afterthought, as we, especially the marginalized

sectors, bear the brunt of the multiple crises, and therefore are well-versed on the real solutions," Bartolome explained.

Inter-Agency Talakayan for Policy Refinement and Inclusive Implementation of the Green Jobs Acts was also held. The Talakayan aims to re-orient state efforts toward the basic sectors, with particular attention to those engaged in the informal economy.

"The MOU ceremonial signing and the Talakayan are timely, in light of the upcoming Labor Day. Workers have an extremely significant role in our journey toward just transition to RE. Not only were they expected to build the industry by and for our people, but their interests must also reflect the fair society that we aim for. Big corporations are boasting about their RE plans while still engaging with the fossil fuel industry, contradicting themselves in the name of profit. We have nothing but huge expectations from NAPC and the CSO Network in staying true to and relying on the basic sector's voice and interests. We are excited for more collaborations to commence in pursuit of genuine energy transition and societal change," Rivera ended.

PGC provides free Operation Tuli in Brgy. Halang, Naic

Reinforcing its commitment to community-based healthcare and youth wellness, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted an Operation Tuli Program on April 23, in Brgy. Halang, Naic, Cavite, benefiting 96 young boys through free and safe circumcision services.



The program was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) in coordination with local barangay officials. Medical procedures were professionally carried out by the GEAMH medical team

alongside medical professionals from Salamat Memorial Hospital, ensuring quality healthcare services and proper post-operative care for all beneficiaries.

The initiative high-

lighted the provincial government's continued dedication to delivering essential medical programs directly to communities, particularly for young Caviteños who require accessible health services. — **OPIO**

ANO ANG LATEST?

PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 2026-0005

Rationalization of Case Rates for Select Maternal and Gynecologic Services in the Hospital Setting

Published in Philippine Daily Inquirer on April 30, 2026

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Editorial

Prevention of abuse, a constitutive dimension of the mission of the Church

At Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors held recently at the Vatican, Pope Leo XIV has reechoed what Pope Francis has been saying all along, especially in his *Moro Proprio* Apostolic Letter titled “*Vos Estis Lux Mundi*”, issued in 2019, that “the prevention of abuse is not an optional task, but a constitutive dimension of the mission of the Church.”

Sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable persons has been one of the most difficult scandals the Church has faced in the last couple of decades, because some church leaders believe that sweeping the abuses under the rug would save the church from indignities and, of course, protect the dignity of the abuser, especially when the “predator”, as the US media calls him, is a cleric.

This mistake has brought the Church down to her knees, with the flurry of criminal cases, civil trials, national inquiries and the poking of the media, especially in North America. The devastating consequence finally ended up with the Church—and indeed, even her work of proclaiming the Gospel—suffering from credibility and, sadly, accountability. By saving the neck of the cleric-abuser, the whole body of the Church suffered.

Despite the late Pope Francis’ astringent guidelines laid out in *Vos Estis Lux Mundi*, the subsequent pronouncement of Pope Leo VIX, and the creation of an office for the protection of minors in Episcopal Conferences, such as in the Philippines, still there are dioceses that have been found to be very slow in protecting the victims but very keen in seeing to it that the abuser undergo some kind of a short formation course, as if subjecting the him to a formation facility will absolve him of his accountability. The sexual abuse of minors is not only a canonical offense that can be quashed by undergoing a formation course or some canonical sanctions—it is a crime.



Justice demands that the abuser need to be accountable with the law.

In a National Safeguarding Conference held Pampanga last year, many of the resource speakers believed that compassion toward clergy offenders means helping them face their wrongdoing responsibly, not excusing or concealing their offenses. According to Prof. Gabriel Dy-Liacco, president of the Catholic Safeguarding Institute (CSI), “From my point of view, holding the person to account is the act of compassion.”

He is of the belief that the most compassionate thing the Church can do for offenders is to hold them accountable for their actions.

In that same Conference, Bishop Joel Baylon of Legazpi said, “Accountability and compassion are not opposites; they are two hands of the same Body of Christ. One hand projects the vulnerable; the other seeks to

heal the sinner.” The response of the Church, he said, must always be guided by truth and compassion, never by silence, indifference, or denial of the suffering of the victims.

Pope Leo XIV in that Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors held a few days ago, made it clear that “Your mission is to help ensure that abuse is prevented. Yet prevention is never just a set of protocols or procedures. It is about helping to form, throughout the Church, a culture of care, in which the protection of minors and persons in vulnerable situations is not seen as an obligation imposed from outside, but as a natural expression of faith.”

And, that “the protection of minors and persons in vulnerable situations is not an isolated area of ecclesial life, but a dimension that permeates pastoral care, formation, governance, and discipline.”*

Tips For Pedicure and Manicure

We have seen cases of a manicurist having a customer’s nails “murdered”. Injured and suffered a severe toe infection.

According to a study in America, 50% of salons use contaminated pedicure and manicure equipment. There are bacteria found in their nail clippers, nail files, and water soaked in nails.

How can we prevent infection? Follow these umbrellas:

1. Only go to clean salons or manicurists that you think are absorbed in work.
2. Soak utensils (like nail clippers and others) in 70% rubbing alcohol for 20 minutes. Do this before use on a new customer.
3. The manicurist and the customer must wash their hands properly before starting.
4. Just take it slow. When a disease is felt, it means that it has been wounded and it can cause infection. Immediately apply alcohol or povidone iodine to the wound.
5. If you have diabetes, numb feet or stroke, our advice is to never get a pedicure. Diabetics have nerve problems and their foot wounds may not heal. My foot might even be cut off.
6. Be careful when pulling hangnails or peels next to the nails. Pulling and bruising this is what a finger infection cures.

DOKTOR NG MASA

ni Dr. Willie Ong



First-aid for Finger Wound:
For severe toe or hand infections, this is what to do.

Buy Povidone iodine, cotton and band-aid. Take a small piece of cotton and put Povidone iodine on it. Lay it over the wound for a long time.

If possible use band-aid to seal cotton with Povidone iodine. Just let your wound soak in Povidone iodine all day. Drop extra Povidone iodine once it’s dried.

Do this for 7 days, until the skin inflammation is completely gone. When Povidone iodine is applied to the skin, it will kill the germs in the wound and it will heal. Just keep applying Povidone iodine until your finger heals.

Remember: Health is more important than beauty. If the finger just gets infected, it’s better not to have a manicure or pedicure. Good luck!

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Recognition

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Rommel dela Cruz, et al., recognized for their innovative work titled "DEMOLLUSCUM CREAM" treatment for poxvirus especially for children who suffered this skin disease. This breakthrough highlights the potential of locally developed medical technologies to address critical health challenges and contribute to global ad-

vancements in dermatological care.

The recognition underscores the collective commitment of DOST, IPOPHL, and DOST-TAPI to promote, support, and commercialize Filipino inventions, while providing innovators with opportunities for international exposure and collaboration. NICE 2026 continues to serve as a vital platform

in elevating homegrown technologies toward real-world application and global impact, reinforcing the Philippines' position in the international innovation landscape.

Through this milestone achievement, Inv. Richard and Rommel B. Dela Cruz and his team exemplify the spirit of Filipino excellence in science, technology, and innovation—bringing pride to the nation and inspiring future generations of invention.



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across three municipalities in Sultan Kudarat namely the Municipality of Senator Ninoy Aquino, the Municipality of Kalamansig, Tacurong City.

The activity was supported by EVFI Consultants Mr. Nicanor Villasenor and Mr. Martin Orendain, who served as technical facilitators during the roadmapping process. It brought together key stakeholders, members of the Technical Working Group, and local government officials to collaboratively develop a forward-looking roadmap aimed at transforming communities into smarter, more resilient, and sustainable localities. The PSTO-SK team, including Engr. Szalinah S. Mercado, Supervising SRS and Regional focal person for SSCP, facilitated discussions and ensured active stakeholder engagement throughout the activity.

The consultation commenced in the Municipality of Senator Ninoy

Aquino, led by Municipal Mayor,

Hon. Rafael George L. Flauta III. During the session, Mayor Flauta highlighted the municipality's priority on establishing e-Governance systems to improve public service delivery. He acknowledged that limited internet connectivity remains a key challenge but expressed optimism that this will be addressed soon. He also emphasized strengthening the municipality's coffee industry, recognizing its role as the coffee capital of Sultan Kudarat.

This was followed by sessions in the Municipality of Kalamansig, under the leadership of Mayor, Hon. Ronan Eugene C. Garcia. Mayor Garcia presented a comprehensive and well-prepared development direction, focusing on enhancing the municipality's coffee industry. Among his proposed initiatives are the establishment of a coffee processing center equipped with an optical

scanner to support local coffee processors, as well as a coffee nursery capable of producing up to one ton per hectare annually.

The final leg of the consultation was held in Tacurong City, the identified pilot community for the SSCP, headed by the City Mayor,

Hon. Lina O. Montalla, PhD. Mayor Montalla shared the city's readiness to implement SSCP initiatives, highlighting efforts to strengthen internet connectivity in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). She also noted that the bioreactor project provided to the city is currently underway for operationalization.

The activity underscores the strong collaboration between DOST and local government units in advancing sustainable development through science, technology, and innovation. The finalization and implementation of the SSCP Roadmap are expected to materialize before the end of the year.



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zation approach in evaluating program implementation and strengthening public service delivery.

DOST Ilocos Region Director Teresita A. Tabaog led the regional presentation, together with Assistant Regional Directors, Provincial Directors, and the assigned DOSTOneSCIGLAT team, demonstrating a unified approach to advancing science, technology, and innovation (STI)-driven public service.

In his opening message, Undersecretary Maborang emphasized continuous improvement and alignment with national priorities, stating: "This is not an audit; this is a learning process... In the next two years, value

yourself and be able to do your duty with respect and be able to listen, [so that] you can provide decisions that are based on science and data to help the communities."

In her presentation, Director Tabaog detailed DOST Ilocos Region's major programs, projects, and accomplishments, highlighting how these initiatives continue to make a difference on the ground—strengthening communities across Region 1 while supporting the government's priority development agenda and the PBB 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda.

In addition, reports also covered financial

and administrative performance, technical and field operations, and innovation initiatives, including sustainability and scalability strategies. Furthermore, DOST provincial offices also shared localized implementation efforts, best practices, and the impact of science, technology, and innovation (STI) interventions across the region.

The 2024–2025 Performance Review not only showcased accomplishments but also clarified the region's strategic direction toward more responsive, inclusive, and data-driven science and technology services in the years ahead. DOST Ilocos Region continues to empower communities with the help of science, technology and innovation.



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Free Eye Check Now Available at OJO Eyewear in SM City Dasmariñas: Shoppers can now take a step toward better eye health with a free eye check at OJO Eyewear in SM City Dasmariñas. The store offers reliable vision care and expert assistance, making it easier for customers to prioritize their eye wellness while enjoying their mall visit.

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LOLC BANK PHILIPPINES, INC.,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

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

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

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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

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

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Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., DOST-TAPI Director Atty. Marion Ivy D. Decena, and the Intel-



lectual Property Office of the Philippines Director General Atty. Teodoro C. Pascua. This recognition reflects the theme of NICE 2026: "Limitless:

Innovation Beyond Boundaries," celebrating the boundless potential of Filipino excellence. Padayon, mga imbentor na Pilipino!

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A total of ten (10) beneficiaries will be engaged under the program for ten (10) days of community-based emergency employment. Through this program, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to strengthen its support for vulnerable and displaced workers by providing not only temporary income opportunities but also meaningful community service engagement. —OPIO

103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **Owner: SPOUSES DONALD SISON DICEN AND MELINDA PADROGANE DICEN, FILIPINOS**
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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 9, 2026**, without further notice.

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

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

Tagaytay City, Cavite Philippines, April 16, 2026.

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In her message, Ms. Luzviminda Amparo, Records Management Improvement Committee (RMIC) Chairperson, acknowledged the presence and active participation of records officers and partner agencies, emphasizing the critical role of responsible records disposal in maintaining transparency, accountability, and organizational efficiency.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ferdinand Belamide, Chief of Staff, expressed his support for the initiative, noting that the continued practice of systematic disposal at the PGC is a positive step toward sustaining effective records management processes.

Representing NAP, Mr. Marvin Ervin M. Supan, Records Management Analyst II, commended the Provincial Government Center for its strong support and coordination throughout the disposal process. He also expressed appreciation for the PGC's adherence to Republic Act No. 9470, which governs the man-

agement and preservation of public records in the Philippines.

The Commission on Audit was represented by Ms. Chelsea Vidallo, ensuring that the process complied with auditing and accountability standards.

The disposal activity involved a total of 9,800 kilograms of valueless records, equivalent to 27.44 cubic meters. These were sold to the official NAP-accredited buyer, D' Lacoste Enterprise, generating total proceeds of Php 17,140.00. The amount will be remitted to the PGC's general fund.

The activity concluded with the formal signing of the Certificate of Disposal by all concerned parties, marking the successful completion of the process.

This initiative highlights the PGC's continued dedication to proper records management, compliance with national regulations, and the promotion of transparency and accountability in public service. —OPIO

CBCP NEWS



Archbishop Alberto Uy delivers his first State of the Archdiocese Address at the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral in Cebu City on April 28, 2026. The address marked a historic first for the archdiocese after consultations with clergy and lay leaders on the Church's present condition and future direction. SAMMY NAVAJA/CBCP NEWS

Cebu archbishop seeks urgent action as aging priests outpace new vocations

Archbishop Alberto Uy said Tuesday the Archdiocese of Cebu must urgently strengthen priestly vocations and long-term pastoral planning as its clergy steadily ages, raising concerns about future ministry demands.

In his first-ever State of the Archdiocese Address at the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, Uy said Cebu's 386 diocesan priests remain stable for now, but demographic trends point to mounting pastoral pressure.

Those priests currently serve more than 170 parishes ministering to over 4.6 million Catholics, making the archdiocese one of the country's largest and placing growing demands on its clergy.

Nearly 60% of Cebu's priests are already 50 years old or older, while about one-third are at least 60, leaving the archdiocese increasingly dependent on senior clergy.

"The number of young clergy remains relatively small, which means that although ministry is still being sustained well at present, there is an in-

creasing dependence on older priests whose capacity will naturally decline in the coming years," Uy said.

He said that within the next eight years, a significant number of priests are expected to retire or reduce active ministry, creating potential pastoral shortages unless vocations increase.

"What lies ahead is not a crisis yet — but it is a clear invitation to prepare now," Uy said.

The archbishop called for intensified vocation promotion, stronger priestly formation and broader empowerment of lay leaders to help sustain the Church's mission.

Cebu's diocesan seminaries currently serve 225 seminarians for the academic year, with updated formation programs aligned with Vatican and national priestly training stan-

dards.

Uy said expanded formator teams, upgraded facilities and more coherent developmental structures are strengthening preparations for future clergy.

Meanwhile, the archdiocese's Office for Vocation Promotion has broadened school-based campaigns through partnerships with government education agencies, youth ministries and parishes.

"Vocations do not grow in isolation," Uy said. "They grow in a community that prays, supports, and journeys together."

The address marked a historic first for the archdiocese, following consultations with clergy and lay leaders to assess the local Church's present condition and future direction.

Beyond clergy concerns, Uy also outlined

wider institutional reforms aimed at strengthening parishes, finances and worker welfare across the archdiocese.

He said every parish and quasi-parish is being guided to create comprehensive development plans covering pastoral, spiritual, social and infrastructure priorities.

The archdiocese is also pursuing a unified financial system designed to improve transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of Church resources.

Uy said financial reforms would help support free hospitalization for priests while maximizing church properties for sustainable mission funding.

He also announced the creation of a human resource board to safeguard fair compensation, formation and professional support for lay workers.

Jaro archbishop says missionary witness is key to fostering vocations

ILOILO City— A Catholic archbishop told vocation leaders Monday that authentic missionary witness, not promotional campaigns alone, remains the Church's strongest force for inspiring future priests and religious.



Archbishop Midyphil Billones of Jaro delivers the homily during the opening Mass of the 29th National Convention of Directors of Vocations at Jaro Metropolitan Cathedral in Iloilo City on April 27, 2026. ARCHDIOCESE OF JARO

Archbishop Midyphil Billones of Jaro delivered the message during the opening Mass of the 29th National Convention of the Directors of Vocations in the Philippines at the Jaro Metropolitan Cathedral, calling on Church leaders to ground vocation work in mission-driven service.

"Vocation naturally leads to service and mission. And mission naturally gives birth to the rise of vocations," said Billones, who is also the chairman of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Seminaries.

He warned that separating vocation from mission weakens the Church's vitality, describing both as a "reciprocally life-giving principle" essential for sustaining faith communities and future leadership.

Billones pointed to missionary history in a persecuted Southeast Asian island community, where priests and aspirants were killed in efforts to suppress Christianity. Despite the violence, he said vocations later grew stronger.

"We saw how the missionary priests loved us ... and shed their blood for our sake," he said, quoting a newly ordained priest who traced his vocation to that witness of sacrifice.

The archbishop said

such examples show that courageous, lived faith often proves more effective in fostering vocations than structured recruitment or promotional strategies.

Using the local term "buklad," meaning bloom or opening, Billones described vocation ministry as requiring both vulnerability and availability from those who promote it.

"What makes you effective is when you put at the disposal of the Lord first your vulnerability," he told vocation directors.

He said vocation promoters must allow their personal wounds and limitations to become instruments of accompaniment and witness to others discerning their calling.

Billones also shared his own vocation journey, recalling a period of personal uncertainty during his formation years.

"Allow God to surprise you," he said, citing advice from a priest mentor that ultimately helped guide him toward ordination.

The four-day national convention brings together diocesan and religious vocation directors from across the Philippines to strengthen formation efforts amid ongoing concerns about declining priestly vocations.

MAGLIBANG TAYO

KAPALARAN

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Nakabantay sa iyo ang mata ng langit. Sinumang magtangkang siraan ka ay mabibigo at mapapahamak lang. At kung hindi sila titigil, makakaani sila ng sobrang pangit na kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-burgundy. Tips sa lotto-9-12-20-29-36-42.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) - Umuusok sa galit ang iyong kaaway, gayunman, wala siyang ibang magagawa kundi ang mapahiya. Ikaw rin ay umuusok, pero hindi sa galit, kundi sa lihim na pagtawa sa mga nangyayari. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-1-17-21-31-35-40.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Dagdagan mo pa ang bilis mo. Anumang kabagalan ay magpapabagal din sa iyong pag-unlad. Muli, dagdagan mo pa ang bilis mo. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-5-11-23-34-38-44.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Hinahangaan ng langit ang iyong kabaitan. Ito rin ang lihim na dahilan kung bakit hindi maubus-ubos at hindi matapus-tapos ang pagdating sa iyo ng mga biyaya at pagpapala. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-7-10-22-26-33-41.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Kahit wala kang gawin, aangat pa rin ang iyong buhay. Pero kung magsusumikap ka, isa lang ang magiging resulta, maiiwanan mo ang mga kakumpetensya mo. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-4-13-27-36-39-45.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Hindi ka bibiguin ng lihim na humahanga sa iyo. Nagsabi siya sa kanyang sarili na anumang ang iyong kailangan, gagawan niya ng paraan. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-8-14-19-25-37-44.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Anuman ang iyong maranasan, tanggapin mo nang maluwag sa loob. Ang mga ito ay kailangang maganap upang mabigyang-daan ang iyong magagandang kapalaran. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-3-11-18-31-38-40.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Labanan mo! Huwag kang pumayag na talunin ka ng kalungkutan. Mahirap man paniwalaan, ang kalungkutan ang isa sa mga dahilan kung bakit nagkakasakit ang isang tao. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-8-15-16-24-34-39.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Iyung-iyong araw na ito. Ngayon mo hilingin ang malalaki at maliliit na kahilingan sa langit. Mahirap mang mangyari, gagawan pa rin ito ng paraan ng langit. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-3-9-13-20-25-42.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Itugma mo ang mga kilos mo sa gusto mong matapos. Ibig sabihin, huwag mong hayaang maiba at mabago ang iyong prayoridad. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-2-16-19-21-33-45.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Kung ano ang gusto mong gawin, gawin mo. Huwag mong intindihin ang mga taong kung anu-ano ang sinasabi. Ikaw lang, at wala nang iba, ang may karapatan sa iyong buhay. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-5-15-20-24-39-43.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Dumikit ka sa mga masisipag para sipagin ka rin. Sa ganitong payo, dapat alam mo kung sino ang mga lalayuan mo. Masuwerteng kulay-aquamarine. Tips sa lotto-7-19-23-28-30-38.

SUDOKU

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			8			4	5
		9					
7							1
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1				6		9	

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

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

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

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

• Every puzzle has only one correct solution!

Did You Know?

THERE'S ONLY ONE LETTER THAT DOESN'T APPEAR IN ANY U.S. STATE NAME

Can you guess the answer to this random fun fact? You'll find a Z (Arizona), a J (New Jersey) and even two X's (New Mexico and Texas)—but not a single Q.



WORD HUNT

Sewing Basket

S	P	T	S	P	I	N	S	L	B	M	S	I	P
N	A	B	S	C	R	A	P	S	E	A	E	R	N
I	T	I	S	B	S	M	E	L	I	R	A	E	E
P	H	N	L	I	B	P	A	M	A	K	M	B	E
G	I	D	A	E	E	S	A	E	D	I	R	O	D
S	M	I	C	O	T	E	A	N	G	N	I	D	L
H	B	N	E	I	U	E	P	M	S	G	P	K	E
B	L	G	C	S	C	H	A	L	K	P	P	I	S
D	E	G	U	A	G	M	E	H	N	E	E	N	T
O	S	N	I	B	B	O	B	I	L	N	R	U	H
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T	S	C	I	S	S	O	R	S	A	S	S	U	A
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MEASURING TAPE
BOBBINS
LACE
SCRAPS
CHALK
MARKING PEN
BUTTONS
PINS
SNAPS
THIMBLE
SCISSORS
SNIPS
RICKRACK
BODKIN
BINDING
THREAD
SEAM RIPPER
NEEDLES
HEM GAUGE
ELASTIC

Recognition of Outstanding Filipino Innovation at NICE 2026

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), under the leadership of Secretary Renato Solidum Jr., together with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines headed by Director General Atty. Teodoro Pascua and the Technology Application and Promotion Institute led by Director Atty. Marion Ivy D. Decena, proudly recognized outstanding Filipino inventors for their exemplary achievements in international innovation competitions.



This recognition was conferred during the National Invention Contest and Exhibits 2026 held on April 27–28, 2026 at the Acacia Hotel Manila.

The event serves as the country's premier platform showcasing the ingenuity, creativity, and global competitiveness of Filipino innovators, bringing

together top finalists from across the nation. Among the distinguished awardees is Inv. Richard B dela Cruz, RECOGNITION • 4

DOST Ilocos Region Highlights 2024-2025 Initiatives, Community Impacts: Sets Strategic Pathways for Region 1

Carrying forward the spirit of bringing “agham na ramdam” impact to communities, the Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) convened its 2024–2025 Performance Review on April 23, 2026, in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, to assess accomplishments, identify ways forward, and set strategies for the years ahead.



The review was led by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborrang,

Assistant Secretary for Countryside Development Engr. Maria Teresa De Guzman, together with representatives

from various DOST offices and regional units, highlighting a coordinated, whole-of-organism with representatives DOST ILOCOS • 4

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SM City Tanza Hosts Successful SUPER FAM RUN



SM City Tanza recently held its SUPER FAM RUN, bringing together families, friends, and fitness enthusiasts for a day of wellness and community spirit.



The event featured an energetic morning of running activities, culminating in joyful finish line moments that highlighted camaraderie and shared achievement. Participants of all ages filled the venue with enthusiasm, turning the run into a celebration of health, unity, and fun.

DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Conducts SSCP Roadmap Consultations in Three Municipalities in Sultan Kudarat!

Building smarter and resilient communities through Science, Technology, and Innovation.



Sultan Kudarat - April 14, 2026 - The Department of Science and Technology - SOCCSKSARGEN, under the leadership of Regional Director Dr. Sammy P. Malawan, RABE, CESE, through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO)–Sultan Kudarat led by Provincial Director Ms. Zenaida D. Guiano, MSc, successfully conducted a three-day consultation meeting for the formulation of the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP) Roadmap DOST • 4