Comelec checkpoints up for 2025 polls



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Philippine National Police in Region IV-A (PRO IV-A) began setting up Commission on Election (Comelec) checkpoints as the nationwide gun ban and election period kicked off on Sunday, January 12.

Police Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas, police director in Calabarzon, said police forces were deployed in various checkpoints in the regions as part of the security measures for the midterm elections.

"The deployment of forces in checkpoints may prevent any potential risks or illegal activities. The cooperation of the PNP, AFP, and other authorities will solidify our efforts to secure the region and ensure an orderly and safe electoral process," Lucas said in a statement.

The PNP Calabarzon set up a ceremonial Comelec checkpoint along the main thorough-fare in Calamba City on Sunday where motorists were asked to slow down and roll down their windows so that cops can conduct a visual search of their vehicles.

Police Col. Julius Suriben, PRO IV-A Regional Staff chief, assured the public that the police will uphold citizens' rights at these checkpoints.

"The public can expect that all of their rights will be respected and that we will abide by the proper rules," he said.

He added Comelec protocols will be followed to ensure the safety and credibility of the 2025 elections.

The checkpoints will be implemented along with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Philippine Coast Guard.

Part of the protocol is the 'plain view doctrine' which only allows visual search of vehicles without opening the glove or trunk compartment or a physical inspection inside the vehicle.

When flagged down, motorists should remain calm, lower down windows, turn off the main headlight, switch on the car's cabin light, and show drivers' license or registration of vehicle if requested.

Under the nationwide gun ban, no individual will be permitted to bear or carry a firearm, even if registered, without the Comelec's authority.

The PNP also asked the public's cooperation during the election period to foster peace and order in the communities. (CH/PIA-Laguna)



Carmona City's expanded mental health program to include schools



CARMONA CITY (PIA) – The City Government of Carmona will soon expand its mental health support programs to schools as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing the well-being of its citizens.

In an exclusive interview with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON, Mayor Dahlia Loyola revealed the city's plans to train teachers and administrators, equipping them with the necessary tools to offer basic mental health support to schoolchildren.

"Our goal is to conduct training not only at the school level but also for each grade, year level, and section," Loyola explained. "Equally important is ensuring that mental health information reaches and engages parents, as their involvement is crucial in making a meaningful impact." Loyola further emphasized their plan to expand the city's mental health programs, including enhancing capacity training for school staff.

"We plan to train at least two to three [teachers] per grade or year level and section in every school in our city," Loyola stated.

To strengthen these efforts, the city government has increased its budget allocation for the health sector to enhance better access to psychological services for residents.



Loyola cited their healthworkers who helped push their mental health programs to the barangays. (PB/PIA4A)

In addition, Carmona City has passed a localized version of the Philippine Mental Health Act, which helped establish the city's Mental Health Task Force.

This initiative has made significant accomplishments since the creation of the task force, supporting 213 individuals diagnosed with depression, schizophrenia, and anxiety disorder through regular free consultations with the city



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government's psychiatrist and access to free medicine.

These efforts have earned Carmona recognition as one of the honorees in the CALABARZON region during the 3rd Regional Mental Health Summit Awards by the Department of Health (DOH). This award acknowledges local government units for their exemplary implementation of the Philippine Mental Health Act.

Carmona City is also moving forward with the construction of a specialized barangay health center dedicated to mental health consultations, offering greater accessibility to residents.

Loyola added: "We currently have two regular psychologists, but we are planning to add more specialists who will provide counseling services to our citizens."

By strengthening its initiatives, Loyola shared that the city government aims to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage more residents to seek the help they need. (PB/PIA 4A)



For we walk by faith, not by sight



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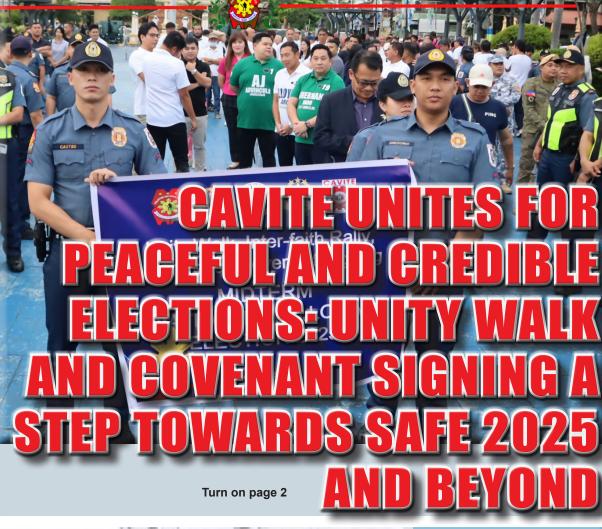
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Upholding Accountability Amid Political Turmoil

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*The impeachment of is a constitutional mechanian nance, and the expec-Vice President Sara nism designed to uphold tations we have of our Duterte has sent shock-public accountability. This •waves throughout the is not a trial by public opinion, but a legal and • cant chapter in our coun- legislative process that try's political history. As requires evidence-based the proceedings unfold, arguments, transparenit is essential for all Fil-cy, and impartiality. The responsibility lies not only with lawmakers but • lance and a commitment also with the public, who •to the democratic ideals must demand clarity and that bind us together. reject misinformation. fold, let us remain stead-

> not devolve into a circus of personal vendettas or partisan posturing. Instead, how a democratic nation

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Impeachment is not it raises larger questions merely a political tool; it about leadership, gover- -Ang Kabitenya

public officials. What does this say about our : political culture? How can we strengthen the systems that ensure leaders are held accountable without compromising their ability to serve?

As the nation watches these proceedings unfast in our commitment to justice and democracy. The process must: not only deliver a verdict: our nation was built.

We call on our leaders • to act with integrity and : wisdom. We call on the : public to stay informed : and engaged. And above • all, we call on everyone • to remember that the • ultimate goal is not division, but the preservation of a government : that serves the people. :







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RACQUEL CRISOLOGO -LARA

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite - In a resounding display of solidarity and commitment to a peaceful and credible elections, stakeholders were gathered today for Unity Walk and Peace Covenant Signing. This activity was organized as part of the preparations for the upcoming 2025 National and Local Elections, brought together

key officials, aspirants, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, and members of the public under one umbrella of peace, cooperation, and democratic integrity. The program started with a solemn Unity

Walk at 7:00 AM from the plaza of City of Imus wherein participants showed their commitment to unity and harmony as they marched to Provincial Headquarters, Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of

Imus. The Unity Walk is a all sectors in ensuring peaceful elections. Atty. Mitzele Veron L. Morales-Castro, Provincial Election Supervisor IV, Police Colonel Dwight E Alegre, Acting Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, COL Ernest John Philippine Army duly represented by First Lieutenant Karen Bernardino, and other Police Officers, other varwalked side by side with political aspirants, 1 for Gubernatorial, 1 for In her message, Atty. Vice- Gubernatorial, 7 for District Represen-

their supporters.

community organi-

tatives, 9 for District Board Member and The program proper tion led by Rev. Fr. Ruel Castañeda, Vicar General of the Diocese of Imus, and other religious and

such as Pastor Eusebey "Bong" Varona, Provincial Values Coach, Ustadz Musa Sandigan, Imam, Imus Muslim Community Chapter and Seminarian Jam Suico, representative of Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting peace and integrity are (PPCRV) - Cavite.

MEDNESDAY

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tions. She also reminds

them that election rules

apply to both candidates

and their supporters.

"Today, we renew our

dedication to the prin-

ciples of democracy and

the rule of law. Let this

covenant remind us that

shared responsibilities,"

The highlight of the

event was the signing

of the Peace Covenant

which was witnessed by

Atty. Mitzele Veron L.

Morales-Castro, Provin-

cial Election Supervisor

IV, PCOL DWIGHT E

ALEGRE, Acting Pro-

vincial Director, Cavite

PPO and other dignitar-

ies including Provincial

Director of DILG-Cavite

Engr. Danilo A. Noble-

za, CESE, as they affixed

their signatures to the

covenant further binds

this collective promise

of stakeholders to en-

sure a clean, honest, and

peaceful electoral pro-

The event concluded

with the ceremonial

release of white doves

which connotes free-

dom, that transcends all

cultures and religions

and forms a beautiful

backdrop for the final

message to everyone,

freedom from crimes,

threats and coincides

with the mass singing of

This activity attests to

Cavite's solid and un-

wavering commitment

in developing trust,

peace, and cooperation

among all sectors as the

ALEGRE, Acting Pro-

near in May 2025.

manipulations

Bayan Ko.

she remarked.

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Among the speakers during the program were notable officials, including PLTCOL Willy B Salazar, Deputy Provincial Director for Administration, and PCOL DWIGHT E ALEGRE, Acting Provincial Director of the Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), who delivered messages to underscore non-partisanship and collective action for peaceful elec-

The Provincial Direc-

tor

of DILG-Cavite

Engr. Danilo A. Nobleza, CESE lead the Panunumpa ng Panata para sa Malinis, Marangal at may Dignidad na Kampanya sa Halalang symbolic procession de- 2025. Followed by Pasigned to underscore the nunumpa ng Tagapashared responsibility of maya ng Tensyon Team members, Atty. Mitzele L. Morales-Castro, Provincial Election Supervisor IV, PCOL Dwight E Alegre, Acting Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, Pastor Eusebey "Bong" Varona, Apolitical Leader, and Mr. C Hadloc INF, GSC, Howard Mendoza, Assistant School Division Superintendent, wherein they pledged their unwavering commitment in resolving disputes ious advocacy groups and maintaining peace within their respective midterm election draws

PCOL DWIGHT E Mitzele Veron L. Morales-Castro, Provincial vincial Director, Cavite Election Supervisor IV, PPO expresses gratitude thanked the participants to all participants and for their support, saying partners who contributed to the success of the that it was important started with an invoca- at the beginning of the Unity Walk and Peace election period. She em-Covenant Signing. Tophasized the importance gether, we move forward in building a secure and of collaboration and vigilance in ensuring the peaceful environment success of SAFE 2025 for SAFE 2025 and bezation representatives National and Local Elec- yond./PR

EDNESDAY HRONICLE

> **Mendezeño Students Receive Educational Assistance from** PGC



Mendez, Cavite - Three hundred students from Mendez benefitted from the Provincial Government of Cavite's (PGC) Provincial Scholarship Program during a distribution event held at the Mendez Municipal Covered Court on January 10, 2024.

Governor Athena Tolentino, joined by 8th District Representative Aniela Tolentino, personally led the activity, bringing smiles and inspiration to the young scholars. The event was warmly hosted by Mayor Francisco Mendoza Jr. and members of the Mendez Sangguniang Bayan, who expressed their gratitude for the support extended to local students.

In her address, Governor Tolentino greeted the scholars with lighthearted humor, playfully advising them, "Huwag muna mag-jowa" (Avoid dating for now), before delivering a heartfelt message encouraging them to focus on their studies. Sharing her journey as the first Filipina governor of Cavite at the age of 26, she reminded students that with dedication and hard work, anything is possible.

"The Provincial Government of Cavite is steadfast in its commitment to serving and uplifting every Caviteño," she emphasized, highlighting the importance of education in shaping the province's future leaders.

The scholarship program provides crucial support, particularly for underprivileged students, by helping them meet their educational needs. For many families in Mendez, this assistance brings much-needed relief and opens doors to brighter opportunities for their children.

The initiative is part of the PGC's broader commitment to prioritizing education and empowering the youth, ensuring that every student in Cavite has the resources to succeed./CPIO

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PGC Medical and Dental Mission Brings Free Services to **San Mateo Residents**



Dasmariñas City, Cavite - The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) kicked off its 2025 medical outreach program with a successful medical and dental mission in Barangay San Mateo on January 7. A total of 393 residents availed themselves of free healthcare services, with 343 individuals receiving medical consultations and 50 undergoing dental extractions.

The initiative was a joint effort of the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, supported by medical and dental professionals from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH). The team ensured the delivery of quality healthcare services, addressing the immediate health needs of the community.

Brgy. Chairman Isaias C. Villanueva extended his heartfelt gratitude to the provincial government for prioritizing the health of his constituents. Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) also contributed significantly by assisting residents throughout the event.

"This mission exemplifies the government's commitment to bringing essential healthcare services closer to the people, particularly in communities where they are most needed," said a representative from the Provincial Government.

The medical mission highlights PGC's unwavering dedication to improving public health and enhancing the quality of life for Caviteños. Under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, the province continues to prioritize initiatives that promote well-being and equitable access to healthcare./

PRO 4A Kicks Off the Week with Flag-Raising Ceremony, Reiterates Commitment to the 2025 MNLE



Office CALABARZON began the week with a Flag Raising Ceremony led by the Regional Director, PB-GEN Paul Kenneth T Lucas, emphasizing the critical role of law enforcers in ensuring peaceful, credible, and orderly 2025 Midterm National and Local Elec-

In his message, PBGEN Lucas underscored the importance of discipline and integrity among PRO4A personnel, firmly reminding them of their responsibility to uphold the law. "Tayo ang inaasahan ng publiko. Maging modelo tayo sa pag-gawa ng tama. Let us set the standard of professionalism and integrity as we prepare for the elections," he said.

The ceremony also recognized the exemplary accomplishments of PRO CALABARZON personnel through the following awards:

Medalya ng Papuri 1.PLTCOL ARNEL L. PAGULAYAN 2.PLTCOL CHARLES DAVEN M. CAPAGCUAN 3.PLTCOL IOHN PAOLO V. CARRACEDO 4.PLTCOL CONSTANCIO B. MALALUAN, JR. 5.PLTCOL GAYLOR F. PAGALA 6.PLTCOL REYNALDO P. REYES

Medalya ng Kagalingan 1.PLTCOL MARK JULIUS E. REBANAL 2.PLT ALVIN P. SALASBAR 3.PCpl William Webster D. Dojello

Medalya ng Kasanayan 1.PSSg Alexander M. Agpad 2.PSSg Conrado M. Olaes, Jr. 3.NUP Herminia M. Sanque

Furthermore, to reinforce readiness for the elections, PCOL Meliton A Salvadora, Jr., Chief of the Regional Operations Division provided a brief discussion on the do's and dont's in carrying firearms in connection with the strict implementation of the gun ban for the 2025 Midterm National and Local Elections. He reminded personnel of the strict protocols and responsibilities tied to their roles.

Meanwhile, PBGEN Lucas concluded by rallying the entire PRO CALABARZON to lead by example in safeguarding democracy and public trust. "As law enforcers, we must embody accountability and excellence. Together, let us ensure the safety and security of the 2025 elections and uphold the vision of a Bagong Pilipinas," he added.(RPIO4A)



SM North EDSA is operational with a 1.5MWp solar energy system since 2014.

SM Prime recognized this potential early on. In 2014, SM North EDSA became the first commercial property in the Philippines to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on its roof, achieving the largest installation in Southeast Asia at the time. This move signaled the beginning of SM Prime's commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

SM Supermalls President Steven Tan explains, "SM's environmental sustainability began with energy and water conservation. Revolutionizing our malls' energy efficiency through renewable sources magnifies our responsibility to serving people and the planet."

Today, SM Supermalls operates 44 malls with solar PV systems, generating a combined peak energy of 51.6 megawatts (MW). The largest installation is at SM City Santa Rosa. With a total of 96.000 solar panels across malls in Luzon and Visayas, SM Prime holds the Philippines' largest solar energy portfolio, covering around 33 hectares. These efforts are a vital part of the company's Net Zero by 2040 strategy, aimed at reducing its carbon footprint.



SM City Santa Rosa adopts a 3.17MWp solar energy system in 2023, reinforcing its commitment to clean energy.

This 51.6 MW capacity significantly cuts carbon emissions, providing clean energy that powers thousands of homes or removes thousands of cars from the roads. It also reduces the need for coal, offering environmental benefits for both the planet and local communities.



SM City Urdaneta Central in Pangasinan powers its operations with a 0.89MWp solar energy system, fully operational in 2023



In 2023, SM City Grand Central in Caloocan activates a 1.6MWp solar energy system, enhancing its sustainability efforts.



SM City Cabanatuan harnesses the power of the sun with a 0.413MWp solar energy system, powering the mall with clean energy.

The solar power generated directly fuels essential mall operations like lighting and escalators, reducing SM Supermalls' reliance on the national grid. This, in turn, helps stabilize the power supply, reducing the risk of outages and easing the burden on electricity providers. By tapping into clean, renewable energy, SM Prime is contributing to a more sustainable future for the Philippines.







SM Mall of Asia Light-Emit-

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minate the mall, creating a

dynamic and energy-effi-

cient atmosphere.

Solar power directly fuels key mall operations, including lighting and escalators, minimizing SM Supermalls' dependence on the national grid.



M Mall of Asia (MOA) Square boasts a 2MWp solar energy system, reducing its environmental impact and contributing to a greener future.

SM Prime's sustainability efforts extend beyond solar energy. The company also focuses on waste management, water conservation, and air quality initiatives, all designed to minimize environmental impact. Through these comprehensive measures, SM Prime strives to create a positive change while ensuring responsible, innovative operations.

In sum, SM Prime's large-scale adoption of solar PV systems, combined with its broader environmental initiatives, exemplifies its dedication to creating a sustainable future for the Philippines. By leading in renewable energy and sustainability, SM Prime is helping pave the way for a cleaner, greener, and brighter tomorrow.









NEW...

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GAMEOVER...

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fully grown marijuana plants, 1,830 kg. of dried marijuana leaves, 48.672 kg. of ketamine, 36.9 kg. of kush, 1,343 tablets of ecstasy and 90 grams of cocaine.

The illegal drugs were seized in 698 operations, including buybusts, service of search na eradication drive which also led to the arrest of 809 drug suspects and 232 wanted persons.

Matta said efforts now focus on interdiction and that the PDEG remains proactive in executing coordinated, and ensuring integrity operations, consistently using body-worn cam-

He said actions are documented, with airtight cases prepared to ensure the prosecution of offenders.

Matta also paid tribute to police operatives who died in the line of

"The heroism of these operatives inspires the entire force to press on, ensuring that their sacrifices were not in vain," Matta said.

derscores the PNP's recalibrated Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign Roadmap 2024–2028 which embodies a huextermination is not a the nation's drug prob-



2 CHINESE...

SUSPECTS. Police on Group (PNP-CIDG) Di-Wednesday (Jan. 8, 2025) announce the arrest of two Chinese nationals, two fellow Chinese nationals in General Trias, Cavite on Monday (Jan. 6, 2025). The Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group said the two victims were rescued. (Photo courtesy of PNP-CIDG)

MANILA - Police authorities have arrested two Chinese nationals in Cavite for the alleged kidnapping of their two fellow Chinese citizens.

In a report on Wednesday, Philippine National Police-Criminal Inves- ine PHP1,000 bills, 300 tigation and Detection pieces of PHP500 boo-

rector Brig. Gen. Nicolas Torre III identified the two suspects only identified only as Zhou as Zhou and Juncheng, and Juncheng, for the while the victims were alleged kidnapping of known as Yuanjie and Yuanhao.

Torre said the police operation was launched following a complaint from a certain "Mak" who revealed that two of his friends were illegally detained and extorted by the two suspects.

He said the suspects were arrested on Monday around 11:15 p.m. in Brgy. Pascam 1, General Trias, Cavite leading to the successful rescue of the victims.

Confiscated from the suspects were two genu-

dle money, 298 pieces of PHP1,000 boodle money, a pistol, a magazine for a .45 caliber, and ammunition. The arrested suspects are

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facing kidnapping and serious illegal detention charges under Article 267 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended by Republic Act (RA) 1084, and for Violation of the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act under RA 10591

The case has been referred for inquest proceedings.

"This operation reflects our resolve to uphold justice and ensure that perpetrators of such heinous crimes are held ac countable," Torre said.

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oversee the operation.

She took the opportu-

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At about 9:30 AM, a

team from the Police

Regional Office 4A,

Affairs Development

Division, led by PMAJ

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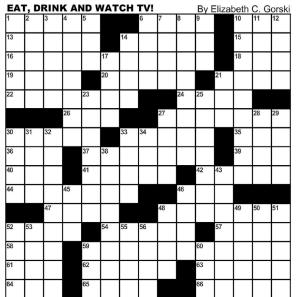
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MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA AND BM RAM REVILLA WELCOME NEW BIR **REVENUE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR REGION 54-B**



Bacoor City, January 13, 2025 - Mayor Strike B. Revilla, along with BM Ram Revilla, welcomed the to promoting economic growth and developnewly appointed Revenue District Officer (RDO) for Region 54-B, Mr. Eliseo Raul G. Bacalzo, today at the Strike Conference Room. The visit was also attended by Atty. Edith Napalan, head of the City Finance Department, and BIR staff.

The courtesy call served as an opportunity for Mayor Strike B. Revilla and BM Ram Revilla to welcome Mr. Bacalzo to Bacoor City and to discuss areas of collaboration between the City Government and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). The meeting focused on strengthening the partnership between the two entities to ensure efficient tax collection and promote economic growth within the city.

The City Government of Bacoor is committed to working closely with the BIR to ensure a smooth and transparent tax collection process, benefiting both the city and its residents. Mayor Strike B. Revilla expressed his confidence in Mr. Bacalzo's leadership and his commitment to serving the commu-

This courtesy visit signifies the City Government's dedication to maintaining strong relationships with key government agencies like the BIR, ensuring a collaborative and supportive environment for the city's continued progress and development./PR

MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA GRACES THE INAUGURATION OF RCBC'S NEW **BRANCH IN BACOOR BOULEVARD**



Bacoor City, January 13, 2025 - Mayor Strike B. Revilla joined RCBC officials and staff today for the grand inauguration of their new branch located in Bacoor Boulevard, Princeton

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The event, which included a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, marked a significant milestone for RCBC's expansion in Bacoor City. The new branch, strategically located in a bustling area, aims to provide convenient and accessible banking services to the growing community.

Atty. Edith Napalan, head of the City Finance Department, was also present to witness the inauguration, signifying the City Government's support for RCBC's commitment to serving the residents of Bacoor. The event was a testament to the strong partnership between the City Government and RCBC, both dedicated ment in the city.

The opening of the new RCBC branch is expected to bring numerous benefits to the community, including increased access to financial services, job creation, and enhanced economic activity in the area. The City Government welcomes RCBC's investment in Bacoor, recognizing its contribution to the city's progress and prosperity.



By Victor Fleming

Last week's solution:

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Bacoor City, January operational as the election period approached. 12, 2025 - This morn-Moreover, at about ing, at about 8:00 AM, 10:25 AM, PNP officials the Bacoor Component from Cavite Provin-City Police Station led cial Police Office, led PLTCOL IOHN by PCOL DWIGHT E PAOLO V CARRACE-ALEGRE, Acting Pro-DO, Chief of Police, vincial Director, along in collaboration with with Ms. Mitzele Veron augmenting various forces, established a Morales Castro, Pro-COMELEC vincial Election Officer, Checkand PLTCOL WILLY point at Mabolo Free-DPDA, SALAZAR, dom Park along Tirona Highway, Barangay PLTCOL Jerry Corpuz, DPDO, and PLTCOL Mabolo, Bacoor City. This proactive initiative Samuel Fernandez, U3, conducted a proactive was carried out with the support of Philippine inspection of the checkpoint. This inspection Army-Task Force Ugnay, the Bureau of Fire aimed to ensure that all security measures were Protection, the Provincial Highway Patrol in place and that the checkpoint was being Team, Barangay Mabomanaged effectively. lo officials, Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction As part of its preparaand Management Office tions for the kick-off of (BDRRMO), the Baco-

the COMELEC checkpoint, the Bacoor PNP deployed an LED truck displaying election pe-Attv. Iastine Marie Dela riod infographics to inform the public. Ad-Cruz, Election Officer of ditionally, a Mobile Bacoor, was present to Command Center was established to facilitate operational coordination, and standard COMELEC checkpoint Don'ts in conducting a signage was installed to ensure proper visibility emphasizing that the operation was strictly and transparency. The primary objec-

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tive of the COMELEC Checkpoint is to proactively deter criminal activities, maintain public order, and enhance security during the election period. This initiative plays a critical role in ensuring that Bacoor City remains safe and secure as the election approaches. •••••



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PCG BRINGS HEALTH SERVICES TO 433 RESIDENTS IN TANZA MEDI-CAL MISSION



Tanza, Cavite - A total of 433 residents from Barangay Amaya II benefitted from a medical mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) on [insert date here]. The initiative, organized through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, underscores the province's ongoing commitment to public health and well-being.

collaboration with the local government and the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Tanza, the event provided free medical consultations, medicines, and supplements to residents. The activity also served as a platform to address immediate health concerns while reinforcing the importance of accessible healthcare in the community.

Local officials, including Councilor Derek Matro and Barangay Chairman Anthony V. Arbis, actively supported the mission, ensuring its success. Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) also played a vital role in assisting with logistics and guiding residents through the various services offered.

This medical mission is part of our continuous efforts to bring health services closer to the people," said Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino. "We remain dedicated to improving the quality of life for Caviteños by addressing their most urgent needs."

The initiative highlighted the value of collaboration between provincial and local governments, as well as community participation. Under Governor Tolentino's leadership, the PGC has consistently prioritized health outreach programs, bridging gaps in healthcare access across the province.

For residents of Tanza, the mission provided more than medical aid—it reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to ensuring a healthier future for every Caviteño. /CPIO



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PGC BRINGS HEALTHCARE SER-VICES TO MALABAG, SILANG



Silang, Cavite - The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted a successful medical mission in Barangay Malabag on January 8, 2025.

The initiative, spearheaded through the efforts of 5th District Board Member Aidel Paul G. Belamide, provided essential healthcare services to residents of Malabag and neighboring areas. Board Member Belamide, a staunch advocate for accessible healthcare, worked to ensure the program addressed the immediate needs of the community.

During the event, medical professionals from the Provincial Health Office offered free consultations, while the Office of the Provincial Governor team facilitated the distribution of prescribed medicines to patients. Residents expressed their gratitude for the comprehensive care, which eased their healthcare concerns.

'This medical mission reflects our commitment to bringing healthcare services directly to the community," said Board Member Belamide. "It's essential that every Caviteño has access to quality medical assistance, regardless of their location."

The program aligns with the provincial government's broader goal of improving health and wellness across Cavite. Under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, the PGC continues to implement initiatives that prioritize the well-being of every citizen.

The success of the medical mission in Malabag highlights the importance of collaboration between local leaders and the provincial government in ensuring that healthcare is within reach for all.



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