

ENCHANTED KINGDOM PAYS ENCHANTING TRIBUTE TO ALL ELDERLY KINGS AND QUEENS AT FIESTA NG PAGMAMAHAL: A GRANDPARENTS CELEBRATION



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, brought lolos and lolas together with their loved ones for a weekend filled with shared entertainment, exclusive treats, and quality family bonding at Fiesta ng Pagmamahal: A Grandparents Celebration on September 12 and 13.

The two-day festivities were part of the theme park's Love Saribuhay campaign this quarter, which highlights the beauty of the biodiversity of the Philippines, through its people and the iconic Filipino values of love, respect, loyalty, togetherness, and family solidarity. The event specifically

paid tribute to grandparents, placing a special spotlight on their enduring role in Filipino families as pillars of wisdom and guidance who nurture strong bonds across generations.

On top of EK's over 30 rides and attractions, families had the opportunity to bond over the screenings of beloved Filipino films that portrayed heartwarming stories of family, love, and enduring relationships. The movie lineup featured three VIVA Films titles, namely Unforgettable, Miss Granny, and Hating Kapatid, which were screened on both days at Eldar's Theater.



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EK also treated the grandparents to well-deserved pampering and relaxation through complimentary wellness services, including hair care, head and shoulder massages, and scalp treatments on September 13. Additionally, they received free medical and health consultations conducted in partnership with Unihealth - Sta. Rosa Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.

The celebration of Philippine biodiversity continues at EK as it builds up to its 31st anniversary, with more events and offerings happening at Fiesta ng Saribuhay this October.



MEKENI BRINGS ELEVATED FILIPINO STREET FOOD EXPERIENCE AT ONE PAMPANGA FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXPO 2026



CLARK, PAMPANGA — Bringing a fresh and more premium take on the Filipino street food experience, Street Flavors by Meken joined the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo 2026 on September 19–20 at the SMX Convention Center Clark, showcasing how familiar Filipino favorites can become a memorable part of events and celebrations.

A food cart business concept of Meken Food Corporation, Street Flavors is designed to bring the company's well-loved products closer to consumers through ready-to-operate food carts that combine convenience, quality, and a more elevated street food experience.

From corporate gatherings and school activities to birthdays, community celebrations, and other special occasions, Street Flavors brings the energy and familiarity of Filipino street food directly to events—giving

guests an experience that is both casual and premium.



"We want to bring the street food experience to events in a way that feels more exciting, convenient, and premium, while still keeping the flavors that Filipinos know and love," said Mr. Pruds Garcia, President of Meken Food Corporation.

More than an event food concept, Street Flavors also opens opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs through its ready-to-operate food cart model. By providing a business concept anchored on Meken's

trusted food products, the initiative aims to create livelihood opportunities while expanding access to quality street food.

"Street food is deeply part of Filipino culture. Through Street Flavors, we want to give entrepreneurs an opportunity to bring that experience to more people while building a business of their own," he added.

While Street Flavors continues to cater to events and special occasions, the concept is also designed to serve everyday consumers through accessible food carts, making Meken products available beyond traditional retail channels.

Its participation in the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo highlighted Meken's continuing efforts to innovate beyond its core food manufacturing business and create new ways for consumers to experience its products.

Through Street Flavors by Meken, the company hopes to make quality, delicious, and distinctly Filipino street food more accessible, anytime, anywhere, and now, in a more premium way.



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2 Corinthians 5:7

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HANDOG NG PANGULO BRINGS GOV'T SERVICES CLOSER TO 5,000 CAVITEÑOS

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — More than 5,000 residents and locators in Cavite benefited from various government services and assistance during the provincial leg of the Handog ng Pangulo held simultaneously nationwide on September 14.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor Remulla and Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla led the activity, joined by local chief executives, district representatives and officials from various national government agencies.

The one-stop service caravan provided medical and dental consultations, livelihood and agricultural assistance, educational support, legal services, employment opportunities and other government programs. The Provincial Government of Cavite also conducted its medical and dental mission and job fairs.

Several agencies distributed financial and livelihood assistance. TESDA provided allowances, training support funds, starter toolkits and

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OUR SCHOOLS MUST REMAIN SAFE HAVENS

Schools are supposed to be places where children learn, build friendships and prepare for their future. They should never be places where students fear that an ordinary school day could end in violence.

Yet recent school shootings in the Philippines have raised an alarming question: Are we doing enough to keep our children safe?

The latest tragedy at Banga National High School in South Cotabato claimed the lives of students and left several others wounded. It came only months after another deadly shooting at San Jose National High School in Tacloban City. Incidents once considered almost unimaginable in Philippine schools can no longer be dismissed as isolated warnings.

Security must certainly be strengthened. Schools need controlled entry points, trained personnel, clear emergency protocols and closer coordination with law enforcement. But guards

and gates alone cannot address what happens long before a weapon reaches a classroom.

Parents, teachers and communities must learn to recognize warning signs. Reports of threats, drastic behavioral changes, bullying and troubling online activity should be taken seriously and handled appropriately. Students must also have trusted adults and accessible counseling services to whom they can turn before anger, fear or isolation develops into something more dangerous.

The question of access to firearms must also be confronted. Gun owners have a serious responsibility to ensure that weapons are securely stored and completely inaccessible to children and unauthorized individuals. A firearm carelessly secured at home can become a tragedy somewhere else.

Schools must likewise strengthen programs addressing bullying, conflict resolution, mental well-being and respon-

sible online behavior. Children today live in a world where harmful and violent content can reach them through the screens they carry every day. Guidance cannot end at the school gate.

There is no single measure that can guarantee that violence will never happen. But every warning recognized, every weapon kept away from a child, every troubled student given proper help and every school prepared for an emergency can reduce the risk.

After every tragedy, we mourn. We promise that lessons will be learned. Those promises must now translate into sustained action.

School shootings must never become something Filipino children learn to live with.

Our students have a right to enter their classrooms thinking about lessons, friendships and dreams—not whether they will make it safely home.

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scholarship vouchers, while the Department of Agriculture extended more than P4.03 million worth of agricultural programs and services. DTI-Cavite awarded P673,000 for an Ideation, Design and Development Laboratory and P580,000 for a Coffee Roasting Facility.

The National Irrigation Administration Cavite-Batangas also awarded livelihood projects, including P300,000 for rice-duck farming, P210,000 for high-value crop production with a drip irrigation system and P500,000 for an RTL Chicken Project.

Meanwhile, CHED Re-

gional Office IV-A provided P1.86 million in UniFAST assistance to qualified Cavite State University grantees, while the Department of Migrant Workers extended P8.1 million through its AKSYON Fund for OFWs in need.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources IV-A provided three fiberglass-reinforced plastic boats worth P210,000, P1.8 million in inputs for three fish cages and P15 million for a Common Post-Harvest Facility under the FishCoRe Project. DOH CALABARZON also distributed wheelchairs, canes and crutches to identified beneficiaries.

Other participating agencies included the DOJ, DAR, Bureau of Immigration, OWWA, Land Registration Authority and Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, which offered services for farmers, overseas workers and their families.

The provincial government said the activity demonstrated how coordination among national and local agencies can make essential government programs more accessible to Caviteños by bringing multiple services together in one venue. —

PIA CALABARZON

BANDA...

MANILA, Philippines — September 2026 — Banda Kawayan Pilipinas (BKP) will represent the Philippines at the 20th Festival Internacional de Folklore Ashpa Súmaj (FIFAS), to be held from October 6 to 12, 2026 in Las Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Argentina.

Now celebrating its 20th edition, FIFAS is an international cultural gathering that brings together folklore ensembles and artists from different countries for several days of performances, cultural exchange, and activities celebrating the diversity of the world's traditional arts. The Philippine delegation will join participating groups in presenting the country's musical

heritage to Argentine and international audiences.

Banda Kawayan Pilipinas will showcase the distinctive sound of Filipino bamboo music through its bamboo marimbos, bumbongs, angklungs, and kalagong. The ensemble's bamboo instruments were personally crafted and developed by its founder, Prof. Siegfredo B. Calabig, including the "Kalagong," his original musical invention and one of the group's signature instruments.

BKP's participation in FIFAS continues its mission of bringing Philippine music and culture to the international stage. Following the festival, the delegation will also undertake cul-

tural engagements in Buenos Aires, further promoting friendship and cultural exchange between the Philippines and Argentina.

With a musical tradition dating back to 1973, Banda Kawayan Pilipinas carries to Argentina a distinctly Filipino musical experience—transforming bamboo into an instrument of artistry, heritage, and cultural diplomacy.

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YOU CAN'T RUSH A GOOD RISE



Lennie Piñana, at her product warehouse in Rizal, Laguna, has built a business through years of hard work and weathering the market's ups and downs.

Time is an essential ingredient in baking, where mere seconds can ruin a beautifully crafted bread. Lennie Piñana, a baker from Brgy. Laguan, Rizal, Laguna, embodies this mastery over time in every single bread she bakes.

She started as a domestic worker in Hong Kong in 2006, putting in hours serving a family she had no relation to. As part of her work, she was responsible for preparing food for her employers, which is where she first learned how to bake. This work was a stable and reliable source of income, but together with her husband, she dreamt of a day when they could go back home and start their own business.

In 2019, months before the onset of the COVID pandemic, she decided to return home and stay for good. It was during this time that she decided to put up a bakery, turning her baking skills into commercial use. However, despite her capability, she saw that the market was into hard biscuits like paborita, ugoy, hakobina, and puto seko, far different from the cakes and cookies she baked abroad. To bridge the gap, she employed five experienced bakers to help her.

To support this venture, Lennie sought help from CARD Bank, Inc., a microfinance rural bank. As a client-saver since 2013, she was familiar with the bank's product offerings, so she applied for and was granted a loan amounting to PHP 20,000.00, which she used as working capital. Despite this financial support, she recognized that starting a business carried a big risk; that's why they decided that her husband would remain working overseas as their safety net if the venture didn't work.

As years passed, the business survived and grew despite the low demand during the pandemic, but this did not happen without challenges. She admitted that the early years of their business were filled with losses and supply problems, which she treated as an investment to secure her future market share. She saved during peak seasons and took out loans during the dips, keeping the business afloat despite the struggles.

DTI LAGUNA CONNECTS WOMEN-LED ENTERPRISES TO POTENTIAL GLOBAL MARKET OPPORTUNITIES



BIÑAN, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) facilitated the initial engagement of Catalyste+ with two women-led enterprises in Biñan City on September 21, 2026, connecting them with potential opportunities to strengthen export readiness and expand into international markets. The visits to Laguna Organic Farm & Products and JunkNot provided an opportunity to discuss their operations, products, existing markets, and growth plans, as well as identify areas where they may benefit from technical assistance and market development support.

The engagement was conducted in connection with Catalyste+'s Economic Linkages for Enhanced Value, Trade and Exports (ELEVATE) Project, a 2025–2031 initiative in partnership with the Government of Canada. The project is

designed to support approximately 400 Philippine small and medium enterprises, with a strong focus on women-led businesses, by strengthening export readiness, competitiveness, and participation in global value chains. Potential areas of support identified during the visits include export orientation, Canadian market requirements and logistics, packaging and labeling, international standards and certifications, negotiation and contracting, digital technologies, and market development. For DTI Laguna, the effort underscores the value of connecting local enterprises with credible external opportunities that complement government support for MSME competitiveness.



Over eight years of operations, their clients expanded to Laguna, Rizal, Quezon, and even parts of Metro Manila. Over these years, Lennie managed to temper the seasonal ups and downs of her business, adjust and improve production, and help send her only child to college through her loans in CARD Bank.

She currently still employs the five bakers she started with, while also offering part-time employment to nanays in their neighborhood. Despite her success, she remains humble and prudent, a quality and lesson sometimes forgotten by other business owners.

She gave simple advice and a warning to future business owners: "Hindi siya one click; mahabang panahon ang kakailanganin; kailangan siyang pagtiyagaan." (It doesn't happen instantly; it takes time and you must work hard for it.) Her business journey is a reminder that success takes time. Just like building her bakery, it took years of patience, skills, and consistent effort. By staying flexible through difficult periods, she managed to build a business that continues to support her family as well as her community today.

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"Our role is to help ensure that Laguna MSMEs are connected not only to government programs, but also to credible external opportunities that can help them build the capabilities needed to reach wider markets. For women-led enterprises, access to market information, technical support, and business networks can be an important step toward greater participation in international trade," said Christian Ted O. Tungohan, DTI Laguna Provincial Director. The initial engagement also provides an opportunity to understand the enterprises' specific development needs. Subject to succeeding assessments, the participating enterprises may be considered for appropriate capacity-building and international market-linkage activities under the ELEVATE Project.

The effort forms part of DTI Laguna's continuing work to connect enterprises with relevant government and external support opportunities that can strengthen their capabilities and expand their market reach. (RFA Garcia, DTI Laguna)

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YAKAP NA HANDOG NG PANGULO: KALINGANG NARARAMDAMAN, KALUSUGANG MAAASAHAN

Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsulong ng Universal Health Care (UHC), sabay-sabay na isinagawa sa buong bansa ang YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo noong Setyembre 14, 2026 na may temang “Serbisyong Pangkalusugan, Proteksiyong Pangkalahatan” katuwang ang iba’t ibang national at lokal na ahensya tulad ng DILG, PSA, mga Local Government Units (LGUs), DepEd, media partners, at mga piling accredited PhilHealth YAKAP at GAMOT providers.

Sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo, higit na pinatitibay ng pamahalaan ang pangakong maghatid ng dekalidad, abot-kaya, at accessible na serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa bawat Pilipino upa- ng masiguro na bawat pamilyang Pilipino ay malayo sa sakit.

Bilang bahagi ng implementasyon nito, bawat lalawigan ay inatasang magsagawa ng tig-isang school-based at community-based activity upang mas maraming mamamayan ang mabigyan ng sa- pat na impormasyon at mas mapalawak ang kanil- ang akses sa mga serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Nakatakda ang aktibidad sa pamamagitan sa siyam na piling lugar sa rehiyon:

LAGUNA
Alonte Sports Arena – Biñan, Laguna
Pedro Guevara Memorial National High School – Santa Cruz, Laguna

CAVITE
Greenbreeze Elementary School – Dasmariñas, Cavite
New Provincial Government Center – Trece Mar- tires City, Cavite
Kanggahan Elementary School – Trece Martires City, Cavite
Tagaytay City Velodrome – Tagaytay City, Cavite

QUEZON
Philippine Normal University South Luzon – Lo- pez, Quezon
Quezon Convention Center – Lucena City, Quezon
Lucena East 7 Elementary School – Lucena City, Quezon

Bahagi ng aktibidad ang pagbibigay ng mahalagang kaalaman tungkol sa PhilHealth YAKAP at Guar- anteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT) benefit. Kabilang dito ang impormasyon hinggil sa pag-access ng primary healthcare services, regular na pagpapakonsulta sa mga accredited primary care providers, at availabil- ity ng outpatient medicines para sa mas maagap at tuloy-tuloy na pangangalaga sa kalusugan.

Tinatayang may 3,600 total ang nakilahok sa ak- tibidad kung saan:
•1,648 ang sumailalim sa First Patient Encounter (FPE);
•885 ang nabigyan ng konsultasyon mula sa YA- KAP doctors;
•361 ang nakapag-avail ng mga benepisyo sa ilalim ng GAMOT Program; at
•368 ang matagumpay na nairehistro sa PhilSys.

Ayon sa PhilHealth, mahalagang bahagi ng pro- grama ang paglapit mismo sa mga komunidad ng



serbisyo sa ilalim ng YAKAP upang matiyak na ang mga miyembro ay may access sa mga serbisyo ng pamahalaan nang hindi na kinakailangang bu- miyahe nang malalayo. Lalo itong mahalaga para sa mga residente ng mga geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA), kung saan madalas na limitado ang access sa impormasyon at serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Bukod sa pagbibigay ng impormasyon at serbisyo, binibigyang-diin din ng PhilHealth ang kahalaga- han ng opinyon at karanasan ng mga miyembro. Ayon sa PhilHealth, ang feedback mula sa mga mi- yembro ay mahalagang kasangkapan sa pagtukoy ng mga puwang o kakulangan sa paghahatid ng serbisyo at sa pagtiyak na ang mga programa at be- nepisyong ipinatutupad ay tunay na tumutugon sa aktuwal na pangangailangan at karanasan ng mga Pilipino. Sa pamamagitan ng aktibong pakikinig sa mga miyembro, mas napabubuti at napapalakas ang mga serbisyo upang maging mas abot-kaya, at kapaki-pakinabang para sa lahat.

Ang YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo ay isang in- ter-agency collaboration sa pakikipagtutungan sa mga katuwang na ahensya ng pamahalaan kabil- ang ang Department of Education (DepEd), De- partment of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), at Department of Health (DOH), bilang bahagi ng whole-of-government approach sa pag- papalawak ng akses sa serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Sa pamamagitan ng mas pinaigting na koordinasyon sa mga partner agencies at aktibong pakikilahok ng mga komunidad, inaasahan ng PhilHealth na mas maraming mamamayan ang mabibigyan ng pagka- kataong makapagparehistro, makapag-empanel sa kanilang napiling YAKAP provider, at makagamit ng mga benepisyong pangkalusugan na kanilang nararapat matanggap.

Patunay ang YAKAP sa patuloy na pangako ng PhilHealth na ilapit ang serbisyong pangkalusugan sa bawat Pilipino at tiyaking walang maiiwan sa pagkamit ng de-kalidad, madaling ma-access, at makataong pangangalagang pangkalusugan para sa lahat. Sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP at GAMOT, mas nagiging abot-kamay ang kalusugan at mas nagka- karoon ng pagkakataon ang bawat Pilipino na mag- karoon ng mas malusog na kinabukasan.

Kaya naman, paalala ng PhilHealth na magpa-YA- KAP na para malayo sa sakit.### (SMOC)



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QUEZON CITY, 22 Sep- tember 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) yesterday recognized out- standing employers and partners that have helped the agency provide social security protection to Fili- pino workers, whether locally employed or over- seas, and their beneficia- ries, during an awarding ceremony held at the SSS corporate office in Que- zon City.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said this year’s Balikang Bayan Awards celebrated the ex- emplary contributions and steadfast commitment of employers and partner or- ganizations in supporting SSS mission to ensure that every member is protected today and every family’s future is secured.

De Claro said SSS paid tribute to two top employ- ers, four collection part- ners, four disbursement partners, three accredited partner agents, and 11 me- dia organizations, while giving special citations to six other partners during the ceremony.

“The success of the SSS in protecting the welfare of the Filipino workforce is anchored on its strong ties with employers and partners,” de Claro said. “Through their continued support, we are able to provide vital social secu- rity benefits and services to our members and their beneficiaries.”

He added that the Balikang Bayan Awards is SSS way of acknowledging their indispensable role in promoting social security protection for all.

SSS named Golden Arches Development Corporation and Lachi’s Dessert Baker- y, Inc. as this year’s Top Employer Award winners for the Large Accounts and Branch Accounts cat- egories, respectively.

“The Top Employer win- ners were chosen based on their compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11199, or the So- cial Security Act of 2018, such as the online sub-

mission of employment reports, correct and up-to- date payment of contribu- tions, proper remittance of member loan payments, and timely filing of sick- ness and maternity no- tifications. They are also active participants in SSS digital services, and their human resources person- nel are well-versed in SSS and its programs,” de Cla- ro said.

Meanwhile, the Best Col- lection Partner awardees are Union Bank of the Philippines (Universal/ Commercial Bank), Rang- ay Bank, Inc. (Thrift/Rural Bank), CIS Bayad Center, Inc. (Non-Bank), and Ven- taja International Corpo- ration (Overseas Partner).

De Claro explained that these banks and payment channels topped their re- spective categories for implementing efficient collection schemes for contributions and salary loan payments.

For Best Disbursement Partners, BDO Unibank, Inc. was named Best Uni- versal/Commercial Bank, Philippine Savings Bank earned Best Thrift Bank, BDO Network Bank, Inc. received Best Rural Bank, and Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation’s DiskarTech was recog- nized as Best Digital Bank.

De Claro said these banks were recognized based on their performance in serving SSS pensioners and members through the timely release of benefits and monthly pensions.

The Best Accredited Part- ner Agents are the Local Government Unit of Va- lencia as Best KaSSSang- ga Collect Partner, First Community Cooperative as Best Cooperative Part- ner, and Community Sav- ing and Credit Association Farmers as Best AlkanS- SSya Program Partner.

These SSS-accredited part- ner agents were selected for their active participa- tion in SSS programs that helped the pension fund expand its coverage and extend services to workers such as the self-employed, land-based OFWs, and

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Best Media Partner awards were given to seven me- dia organizations and four reporters/anchors. Phil- ippine Daily Inquirer was named Best Print Media Partner – NCR, Laguna Courier as Best Print Me- dia Partner – Luzon, and Negros Now Daily as Best Print Media Partner – Vi- sayas.

The Best Broadcast Me- dia Partner winners are DZMM TeleRadyo in NCR, CARE 104.3 DWAY FM in Luzon, 91.7 Ben FM in Visayas, and 91.1 Max FM Tacurong City in Min- danao.

Arlie Calalo of The Ma- nila Times was named Best Media Personality in NCR. Geronimo Dig of 104.9 XFM Santiago City received the Best Me- dia Personality in Luzon. Ionnes Omang of DYVL Aksyon Radyo Tacloban emerged as the Best Media Personality in Visayas, and Reynaldo Pallorina of 91.1 Max FM Tacurong City as the Best Media Personality in Mindanao.

SSS also gave Special Ci- tations to the following for their various contri- butions to promoting SSS programs and services: Development Bank of the Philippines (Government Securities), First Metro Investments Corpora- tion (Corporate Bonds), Land Bank of the Philip- pines (Partner in Various SSS Transactions), Dou- bleDragon Corporation (Contribution Subsidy Provider), Department of Foreign Affairs (Partner Government Agency), and Commission on Filipinos Overseas (Partner Gov- ernment Agency).

The annual SSS Balikang Bayan Awards, established in 1995, acknowledges the valuable contributions of individuals and orga- nizations in helping SSS deliver quality services and programs to its mem- bers here and abroad. The awarding ceremony is one of the major highlights of SSS anniversary celebra- tions every September. #

CAYETANO...

Senate Minority Lead- er Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday empha- sized the importance of reforms that would help restore “quality time” between Fili- pino youth and their families and schools to prevent the increasing incidence of violence and other problems in- volving young people.

Cayetano made the statement during his manifestation at the plenary session on Sep- tember 21, 2026, when the Senate approved the Sagip Bata Act and the Comprehensive School Safety Act on third and final reading.

The Sagip Bata Act aims to strengthen the protection of chil- dren against online sexual abuse, exploita- tion, and grooming.

Meanwhile, the Com- prehensive School Safety Act seeks to establish national standards for secu- rity and threat moni- toring in schools.

Although the Minori- ty Leader supports the measures, he said

regulating online media alone would not be enough to get ahead of the problem.

“These laws will help people. Every death prevented, every sexual abuse prevented, every bullying prevented is important... But if we want to get ahead of it, then it will take much more than regulating the media,” he said.

“It is becoming a more dangerous world be- cause it’s becoming a busier world... Young people have more time with their cell- phones than their parents, school, and church,” he stressed.

Cayetano cited the half-day classes being implemented in many public schools due to classroom shortages.

He again urged the government to fully fund the K to 12 pro- gram so that whole-day classes can be restored. If the government can- not adequately fund the program, he said it should consider re- moving the addition- al two years instead.

“You added two years, but classes are only half-day... The reality is, the less time chil- dren spend with the church, parents, and teachers, the more on- screen and online time they will have,” he said.

Cayetano said reforms that devote more time and resources to young people, together with changes in the habits of families and adults, are necessary to pre- vent the increasing in- cidents of violence that were once “unheard of” in the Philippines.

“Being busy has be- come normal for all of us. The rat race has become normal,” Cayetano said. “If we want to address the present problems, the phenomena that were unheard of here be- fore, the violence in schools... we have to give more time to the most important issues.”

“The young people need time with their parents, with their teachers, with their religious leaders,” he stressed.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ROMEO B. MIRANDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the intestate estate of the late **ROMEO B. MIRANDA**, who died on October 3, 2025 at San Juan de Dios Educational Foundation, Inc. Hos- pital, Pasay City, has been the subject of an EXTRA-JU- DICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE executed by and among his lawful heirs, covering the following properties: A HOUSE AND LOT situated at Brgy. Bayanan, Bac- oor City, Cavite, covered by **Transfer Certifi- cate of Title (TCT) No. T-1234364**, containing an area of FORTY-EIGHT (48) SQUARE METERS; and One (1) HYUNDAI EON 0.8 GLX 5MT motor vehicle, bearing Plate No. DAC9395, Engine No. G3HAHM539241, Chassis No. MALA251AAJM581580, and MV File No. 04010000656650. Under the said settlement, the motor vehicle was adjudicated to **MARY ANNE RIANO MATERA MIRANDA**, while the estate pertaining to the house and lot shall be shared equally among the lawful heirs, namely **MARY ANNE RIANO MATERA MIRANDA, ANDREW MATTHEW MATERA MIRANDA, CHARLES JOHN MATERA MIRANDA, and ISAIAH FRAN- CIS MATERA MIRANDA**. pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, as evidenced by an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate, executed on May 13, 2026, before Notary Public Atty. **Ma. Sigrid R. Pinlac**, PTR No. 2933715, under Doc. No. 289; Page No. 59; Book No. III; Series of 2026.

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SANTA CRUZ, Laguna (PIA) — The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) vouches for the world-class skills of technical-vocational graduates, experts, and learners from the Calabarzon region after the region dominated the WorldSkills Philippines 2026 Clark, earning slots to represent the country in the WorldSkills ASEAN competition next year.

TESDA Deputy Director General Usec. Galo Glino III said in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency Laguna that the region bagged seven gold, four silver, three bronze, and three Medallions of Excellence during the competition.

For Glino, the feat demonstrates the quality of skills and excellence possessed by learners and experts in Laguna and Calabarzon, as well as the standards being implemented by local TESDA-accredited training centers.

Six of the seven gold medals clinched by Calabarzon were won by learners and experts based in Laguna, which Glino said indicates that the province's interventions, from training to competition preparation, have proven effective.

"Nagpapatunay po ito na ang mga partner training institution natin sa Laguna ay talagang magaling, maipagmamalaki nila ang kanilang quality ng kanilang train-

ing programs kaya it's a challenge for everyone na maging modelo ang Laguna at Calabarzon naangat ang quality at ensure ang kalidad ng mga training program na ino-offer natin sa ating mga kababayan," Glino added.

Engr. Glenn Christopher Lambino, a professor from the Lyceum of the Philippines University-Laguna and one of the experts at the WorldSkills Philippines, was among those who received a Gold medal, together with his student, Joel Aaron Tumala, for the Mechanical Engineering CAD skillset.

Lambino attested that TESDA provided them with sufficient training, starting at the provincial level and progressing to

the regional and national levels, while ensuring that they were equipped with the latest industry trends.

"Yung training namin nag-start na agad provincial level pa lang. Yung mindset namin is na-set na to the national level itself. In addition to that, yung mga normal na preparation gaya ng pagta-train ng bata dito sa school. In all fairness naman kay [TESDA] CALABARZON, during the national preparation when we requested a training in Manila, gin-irant nila 'yun sa amin," he said.

Even as a licensed civil engineer, Lambino sees high value in the continuing conduct of WorldSkills as it advocates continuous learn-

ing and development for all.

"Mahalaga siya kasi we train the next leader and future expert in our profession. [And] 'yung continuous learning. Kasi every year may bagong technology na pinapagamit, like for example 3D scanning, since wala talaga akong idea about that. That's why we trained pa in Manila. So napakahalaga nun kasi 'yung continuous learning as a professional."

He thanked TESDA for the opportunities it provides and encouraged more senior high school and college students, as well as those taking vocational courses, to participate in WorldSkills.

"Joining WorldSkills nung nandun ako sa

loob, sobrang laking pride 'yung ibinigay niya sa akin as an expert, lalo na siguro sa competitor na naha-highlight talaga 'yung skills and talino ng bata. Hindi lang nalilim-itan sa college o bachelor's degree ang pag-sali sa WorldSkills, but puwede rin ito sa lahat basta TESDA-accredited training centers."

TESDA assured the winners that skills training and capability-building support will be sustained as they prepare for the WorldSkills ASEAN and WorldSkills Asia competitions, providing further opportunities to showcase the capabilities of Filipino students and experts on the global stage. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

BACOOREÑO ENTREPRENEURS COMPLETE
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING TRAINING

BACOR CITY, Cavite — Local entrepreneurs strengthened their digital marketing skills as the City Government of Bacoor held the SPARK Graduation Ceremony on September 23, 2026, at Villar Hall.

The ceremony marked the completion of the Social Media Marketing Training Program for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), conducted through a partnership among the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region IV-A, ICT Literacy and Competency Development Bureau (ILCDB), and the City Government of Bacoor through the City Livelihood and Development Department (CLDD) and E-GovMS/MIS Office.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla led the event, joined by Board Member Alde Pagulayan, Councilors Manolo "Noly" S. Galvez Jr. and Horacio M. Briliantes III, and representatives from DICT CALABARZON and various city offices.

The graduates included small business owners, home-based producers and local vendors who underwent training on the practical use of social media to promote their products, reach more customers and expand their livelihood opportunities.



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PGC PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE
PEACE, SECURITY IN CAVITE

MARAGONDON, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), conducted an Advocacy and Information Drive for Sustainable Internal Peace and a Secure Province on September 17, 2026, at Bucal National Integrated High School.



The activity gathered representatives from the local government, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), civil society organizations, Department of Health (DOH), and other stakeholders.



The information drive focused on strengthening public awareness, cooperation and community participation in maintaining peace and security throughout the province. It also emphasized the importance of collaboration among government agencies, communities and other sectors in addressing concerns that may affect public safety and social stability.

Participants took part in discussions aimed at promoting shared responsibility and encouraging communities to become active partners in peace-building efforts.

The activity concluded with a Pledge of Commitment, awarding of certificates and program evaluation, reaffirming the participants' commitment to building peaceful, safe and resilient communities across Cavite.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF
ANNOTATION ON LEGITIMATION
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE
BIRTH OF MARC LOUISE
ESPIRITU, AND TO ALLOW
HIM TO CARRY THE SURNAME
OF HIS BIOLOGICAL FATHER
WILSON SALVADOR LAGUDA
WILSON SALVADOR LAGUDA
Petitioner,

-versus- **SP PROC CASE NO. TG-26-078**

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
TAGAYTAY CITY, LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF ALFONSO CAVITE
AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

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ORDER

The Court notes the petitioner's *Compliance* with the Order dated July 24, 2026, impleading the Local Civil Registrar of Alfonso Cavite, as a respondent in the instant petition.

Finding the Amended Petition filed by **WILSON SALVADOR LAGUDA** with residential address at No. 06 Molave St., Petron Compound, Ortigas Extension, Santo Domingo, Cainta, Rizal, praying that after due notice and hearing, an order be issued directing the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Alfonso, Cavite and the Civil Registrar-General of the Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel the annotation of legitimation in the Certificate of Live Birth of Marc Louise Espiritu and to allow him to carry the surname of his biological father to be sufficient in form and in substance, the same is hereby given due course.

Notice is hereby given that the said Petition shall be heard on **October 28, 2026 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at RTC Br. 18, Tagaytay City**, where all interested parties are cited to appear why the petition should not be granted.

Let the copy of this Petition and all its Annexes, together with this Order be furnished to the **Office of the Solicitor General, Civil Registrar-General of Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Local Civil Registrar of Silang** for their guidance, information and comments, as well.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order be posted by Mr. Hezel Adorable, Process Server of this Court, at the expense of the petitioner for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the date of hearing in the **Bulletin Board of the RTC of Tagaytay City and Bulletin Board of Municipal Building of Alfonso, Cavite**.

Further, as a jurisdictional requirement inter-alia, the Court directs the publication of this Order at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province.

Finally, furnish a copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court of Tagaytay City for inclusion in the raffle of publication.

SO ORDERED.

In chambers, August 24, 2026.

(SGD)MINNELI S. ROCIO-CARVAJAL
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JGWIN DAIRY FARM RECOGNIZED
AS NEW LEARNING SITE FOR
AGRICULTURE IN QUEZON

SARIAYA, Quezon — More farmers and agricultural stakeholders will have opportunities to gain practical, farm-based knowledge following the recognition of JGWIN Dairy and Integrated Farm as a new Learning Site for Agriculture I (LSA I) of the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON.

The farm in Sariaya will serve as a learning venue focusing on dairy farming and integrated agriculture for farmers, agricultural extension workers and other stakeholders in the community.

DA-ATI CALABARZON Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas led the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), awarding of the LSA Certificate and unveiling of the official LSA billboard together with farm owner Gemma E. Chavez.

The activities formally marked the start of a five-year partnership between DA-ATI CALABARZON and JGWIN Dairy and Integrated Farm aimed at strengthening agricultural learning and knowledge-sharing in the area.

Representatives from the local government, Municipal Agriculture Office, PALCON Dairy MPC and Rumén Nutrition Inc. also attended the launching.

Through its recognition as an LSA, JGWIN Dairy and Integrated Farm is expected to help promote the sharing of agricultural knowledge and technologies while supporting sustainable livelihood opportunities and a more productive agricultural sector in the community.

