

City of Dasmariñas Welcomes Calabarzon's First OTOP Store in SM Malls



A new chapter in empowering local entrepreneurs was unveiled on January 27, 2025, as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the City of Dasmariñas LGU celebrated the grand launch of the OTOP (One Town, One Product) Store located at UG Floor, SM City Dasmariñas, Brgy. Sampaloc 1, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite.

The event marked the opening of the third OTOP Store in Cavite, following the success of other stores in Tagaytay and Bacoor. The OTOP Store will be operated by the Dasmariñas Entrepreneurial and Consumers Cooperative (DECC), led by Mr. Arman Mojica, and will showcase a wide array of high-quality products made by local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).



Gracing the event were DTI officials including Asst. Secretary Dominic Tolentino, Regional Director Marissa Argente, Asst. Regional Director Revelyn Cortez, and Provincial Directors Lilibeth Chavez (Cavite), Julieta Tadosa (Quezon), and Christian Ted Tungohan (Laguna). Also present were Dasmariñas City Mayor Hon. Jenny Barzaga, LEDIPO Head Carlos Legaspi, SM Malls representatives Edith Tayko and Minabel Llanes, and other staff from the DTI and LGU.

During her remarks, RD Argente emphasized the significance of partnerships in the realization of initiatives like this: "DTI initiates the program, but without the LGU support, it wouldn't be possible." She also highlighted that the OTOP Store serves as a "training ground" to help entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses and establish their own independent stores in the future.

DTI Asec. Tolentino encouraged further efforts to identify and develop more MSMEs across barangays, saying, "Suyurin ang mga barangay upang mas madaming matulongang MSMEs na may potential."



Mayor Jenny Barzaga expressed her gratitude to the DTI, SM City Dasmariñas, and Team Dasma for turning the dream of having an OTOP Store into reality. She praised the collaboration between the LGU, private sector, and the DECC for the successful launch.

The store highlights the products of Dasmariñas-based MSMEs, including Maestra Panaderia, Project Beans, Absmush Mushroom, Dingras Food House, Nutria Farm, EMCK Foods Philippines OPC, Olivia Perfumes, and Kuya Jay's Takoyaki, among others.

On behalf of the 27 founding members of the cooperative, DECC Head Arman Mojica expressed his appreciation to the LGU and DTI, noting that the store's concept evolved from a simple "Likhang Dasmariñas" initiative to the broader OTOP Store, thanks to the intervention of DTI Cavite.



The OTOP Store aims to bring locally-made products closer to the public, promoting Filipino craftsmanship while empowering entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. With this launch, Dasmariñas City continues to set a benchmark for supporting local MSMEs in the region.

DTI Cavite and Grab South Luzon Explores Collaborations to Support Cavite's MSME Sector

On January 24, 2025, an exploratory meeting was held at the DTI Cavite Provincial Office between the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Cavite and Grab South Luzon to discuss potential collaborations aimed at supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the province. The meeting was attended by OIC-Provincial Director Lilibeth R. Chavez, Division Chief Rebecca Tarasana, and Business Development Division staff Juliet Camansag Salvacion, Froy Galapon, Kimberly Quiacos, and Kristine Mojica Diaz. Representing Grab South Luzon was Assistant Manager for South Luzon, Mr. Marvin Tampon. During the discussion, Mr. Tampon expressed Grab's interest in partnering with DTI Cavite to promote digitalization and drive the growth of local MSMEs. He emphasized the company's commitment to sponsoring and supporting initiatives that enhance entrepreneurial opportunities in the province. PD Chavez welcomed the proposal, highlighting the crucial role of digital platforms and private-sector collaboration in empowering local businesses. The meeting concluded with both parties enthusiastic about partnering in the implementation of DTI programs and strengthening Cavite's local economy through Grab's extensive digital ecosystem.

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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CONDEMNED. Vape products forfeited at a private facility in Cavite province. The Bureau of Customs said Friday (Jan. 24, 2025) that the condemned products had an estimated value of over PHP34 million. (Photo courtesy of BOC)

MANILA – Close to 160,000 forfeited vape products worth over PHP34 million were recently condemned in Cavite, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) reported on Friday. A total of 159,830 pieces of vape products valued at PHP34,112,500 went down the drain at a private facility in the province on Jan. 17 and 20, according to a news release Friday. "This condemnation underscores our commitment to protect public health and ensure compliance with our



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laws,” Customs Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio said in a statement.

The destruction happened following the issuance of warrants of seizure and detention for violating Republic Act No. 11900 (Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act), as implemented by Department Administrative

Order No. 22-16 of the Department of Trade and Industry and Section 1113 (f) in relation to Sections 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act. The condemnation was carried out in coordination with the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, Enforcement and Security Service and Customs Intelligence and Investigation

Service. Rubio said the BOC will continue ensuring the safety and well-being of the Filipino people against illegal and harmful goods, in compliance with directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to prioritize the protection of public health and national security. (PNA)

PHILIPPINE...

A Permanent Home to Strengthen Service and Partnerships

Cavite City – The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has officially inaugurated its new substation in Cavite City, marking a significant milestone in its efforts to serve the local community and maritime workers.

The turnover ceremony, met with celebration and pride, highlighted the importance of providing the Coast Guard with a permanent, dignified, and fully equipped

home to enhance its operations. Local officials expressed their gratitude and optimism for the strengthened partnership between the City Government of Cavite and the PCG.

“The Coast Guard has always been a vital ally in serving our citizens, especially our seafarers. They also play a key role in the various programs of our city government,” a representative said.

The new facility stands as a testament to the city’s commitment to

supporting the PCG’s mission of safeguarding lives and maritime resources. The building’s completion is expected to bolster the Coast Guard’s capabilities and deepen the bond between Cavite City and the PCG.

Congratulations to the Philippine Coast Guard Cavite City Substation on this momentous occasion. May this new home further solidify the enduring friendship and cooperation between Cavite City and the PCG.

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Imus Institute Alumni Celebrate
102nd Grand Homecoming

Imus City, Cavite—A spirit of camaraderie and nostalgia filled the air as alumni of Imus Institute gathered for the 102nd Grand Alumni Homecoming. The event brought together outstanding graduates who continue to embody the institution’s legacy of excellence and success.

The evening was a heartfelt celebration of shared memories, personal triumphs, and enduring love for the alma mater that paved the way for the alumni’s dreams to come true. The warmth and joy shared among attendees reflected the strong bonds forged within the halls of Imus Institute over the past century.

A special acknowledgment was extended to Host Batch 2000 for their remarkable dedication and effort in organizing a meaningful and successful gathering.

“Looking back at the joyful memories, sharing stories of success, and expressing our continued affection for the institution that shaped us has been an incredible experience,” one alumnus shared.

The event served not only as a celebration of the alumni’s collective journey but also as a testament to the lasting impact of Imus Institute in shaping lives and building a legacy of excellence. /PR

Cavite City Honors Don Julian
R. Felipe on His 164th Birthday

Cavite City, Philippines—Today marks the 164th birthday of Don Julian R. Felipe, the esteemed composer of the Philippine National Anthem and a celebrated figure in Cavite’s rich history.

This momentous occasion is a tribute to the ge-

nius of Don Julian Felipe, whose legacy continues to inspire generations, especially his fellow Caviteños. Known as one of the city’s most prominent historical icons, his contributions to the nation remain a source of pride for Cavite City.

In recognition of this significant day, January 28 has been declared a Special Non-working Holiday in Cavite City to honor his life and accomplishments.

As Caviteños commemorate this special day, they reflect on Don Julian Felipe’s enduring legacy, which serves as a beacon of excellence and patriotism for the entire nation. /PR

Rosario Beneficiaries Receive Livelihood Assistance
from DSWD and BFAR

Rosario, Cavite—This morning, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), in partnership with the Municipal Government of Rosario, distributed livelihood assistance to local residents. The event was spearheaded by Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente and attended by representatives from DSWD and BFAR. Leading the DSWD team was Mr. Dennis Edward B. Silva, while BFAR Region IVA was represented by Ms. Aimeen Latigay.

In his speech, Mayor Voltaire expressed gratitude to the DSWD and BFAR for their unwavering support in providing much-needed assistance to his constituents. He encouraged the beneficiaries to utilize the aid effectively to enhance their livelihood and improve their quality of life.

The initiative underscores the collaborative efforts of local and national agencies in promoting sustainable development and uplifting the lives of the residents of Rosario. /PR

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PSA: THE SM BOOK NOOK READING FESTIVAL IS HAPPENING THIS FRIDAY— HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!



SM Book Nook's first-ever Reading Festival promises something special for everyone, from kids to parents, in a celebration of stories and imagination.

This Friday, January 31, 2025, the SM Book Nook Reading Festival will transform SM Aura into a vibrant celebration of Filipino literature and creativity. One of the major highlights is the exclusive meet-and-greet with esteemed Filipino authors like National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario, also known as Rio Alma, alongside other renowned Filipino authors such as Dean Tony Laviña, Hans Pieter Arao, and Jayson Fajardo. The chance to interact with such literary icons and get your books signed is a must for book lovers! Plus, some of your favorite independent authors, like Therese Villarante-Langit, will be there, giving you the chance to connect with fresh voices and emerging talent in the literary world.



National Artist for Literature Virgilio S. Almario (Rio Alma) is set to grace Book Nook's first-ever Reading Festival.

Beyond the author meet-and-greets, the festival offers a wide variety of activities, including a fun quiz game, historical fiction readings, storytelling sessions for all ages, and intimate book club discussions. You'll also experience spoken word poetry performances by teens



and young adults and gain insights into the world of zines with BBZ. The event will feature publishers like Bookshelf PH, Grana Books, Aklat Alamid, and more. Plus, learn about copyright laws with a special session designed for budding authors.



Environmental leader and human rights advocate, Dean Antonio La Viña, will grace the event to engage with readers and sign copies of his inspiring book.

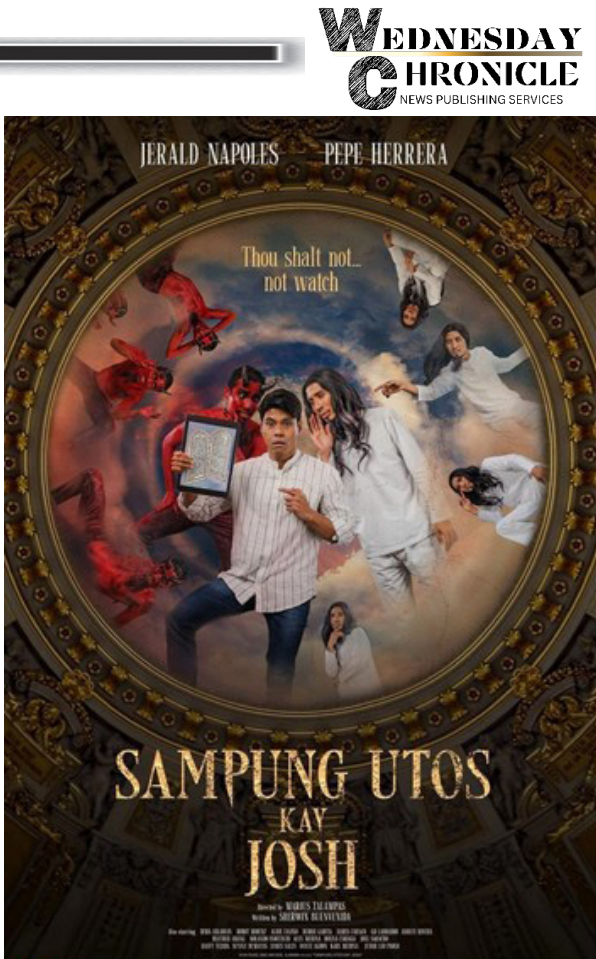
Event Schedule		
Ribbon Cutting	10:00 - 10:30 AM	
Plaza Books Quiz Game	1:00 - 1:30 PM	
Introducing Plaza Books + Historical Fiction Readings	1:30 - 2:00 PM	
Book Nook Storytelling Board	2:00 - 2:30 PM	
Kuwentuhan sa Tambayang Pambata	2:30 - 3:00 PM	
What is BBZ?	3:00 - 3:15 PM	
Bente-bente Zine Reading	3:15 - 3:30 PM	
TI BASSET ay GAMAY at MUNTI: Ang Mundo ni Munting Prinsipe Reading	3:30 - 4:00 PM	
"Ara Ang Demokrasya?" Short talk by Rio Alma, Reading by Melody Remorca	4:00 - 4:30 PM	
Sari-sari Stories Book Reading	4:30 - 5:00 PM	
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Pinoy Reads Pinoy Books	6:00 - 7:00 PM	

From mall opening to closing, SM Book Nook's first-ever Reading Festival promises a fun-filled day of literary adventures for everyone!



Aspiring authors, get ready to be inspired! There's so much to learn and discover at the Book Nook Reading Festival.

With free admission from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, don't miss out on this vibrant celebration of Filipino literature and storytelling. See you at SM Aura for a day full of discovery, inspiration, and connection at the SM Book Nook Reading Festival!



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Talent Show, Wage Consultations, and Milestones for Domestic Workers

Bacoor City, January 24, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, honored the invaluable contributions of domestic workers during the 2025 Araw ng Kasambahay celebration. Organized by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Bacoor, led by Dr. Abraham “Bob” De Castro, in partnership with DOLE Cavite, the event showcased the city’s commitment to uplifting the lives of kasambahays.

Held at Revilla Hall, the celebration featured a vibrant program that included the Kasambida 2025 Talent Search, where eight talented domestic workers competed and showcased their skills. The event also marked a historic achievement for Bacoor, being the first city in CALA-BARZON to establish formal associations

for kasambahays.

Highlighting the occasion was the oath-taking ceremony of newly elected kasambahay officers from Barangays Habay 1, Molino 6, and Ligas 1—pioneers in organizing associations for domestic workers in their respective communities. In recognition of their dedication, Mayor Revilla awarded the officers a 5,000 cash gift, further affirming the city’s support for their initiatives.

The afternoon session transitioned into a public consultation and hearing on the minimum wage for kasambahays, spearheaded by the DOLE Regional Tripartite and Productivity Wage Board. Key stakeholders participated in the discussion, including:

DOLE Cavite Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez DTI IV-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente Former DOLE Bureau of Workers with

Special Concerns Director Ahmma Charisma L. Satumba Representatives from local government and labor organizations Other notable attendees included PESO Manager Dr. Abraham D. De Castro, Bacoor City Tourism Representative Mr. Randi Ocampo, and barangay captains Ronald Javier (Molino 6), George Medina (Ligas 1), and Jordean Bautista (P.F. Espiritu 4).

The event emphasized the City Government’s dedication to promoting the welfare of domestic workers, ensuring fair compensation, and fostering inclusivity. Mayor Revilla lauded the kasambahays for their contributions to the community, calling them “pillars of support in every household.”

The 2025 Araw ng Kasambahay celebration in Bacoor was not just a tribute to domestic workers but also a step toward a brighter future for their rights and well-being.

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A Heartwarming Initiative Brings Joy to Families of Persons Deprived of Liberty

Bacoor City, January 25, 2025 – A remarkable act of compassion unfolded yesterday as the K-Net-work, led by Mr. Ralph John Tasic, Mr. Maron Servida, and Mr. John Verlin Santos, partnered with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) leadership to extend joy and support to the families of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

Under the guidance of JSUPT Christopher R. Penilla, City Jail Warden, and JSINSP Edgardo M. Pelaez, Assistant

Jail Warden, the collaborative effort became a beacon of hope for the PDL community. The event, hosted as part of Project Shine, focused on spreading happiness to 40 children through gift-giving and toy distributions. Additionally, 40 male PDLs and their guardians received essential hygiene kits, reinforcing the importance of care and dignity.

Key organizers JO1 Emily C. Castro, Chief of Welfare & Development, and JO1 Yvette C. Melgar, GAD focal person, were instrumental in making this initiative a success. Their dedication highlighted the collective

power of community-driven programs.

This heartwarming event was supported by the BJMP Regional Office Calabarzon, the City Government of Bacoor, and the Provincial Office of Cavite, proving that the spirit of generosity knows no barriers.

“Together, we’ve shown that no wall is high enough to stop the power of kindness,” remarked one of the organizers. Project Shine serves as a reminder of how small acts of love can build stronger communities and inspire hope for a brighter future./PR

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FOOD...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – Food and rental prices drove the monthly average inflation rate in the CALA-BARZON region to 3.3 percent in December 2024, slightly up from 2.7 percent rate in November 2024 according to the Philippine Statistics Authority IV-A. PSA IV-A Regional Director Charito Armonia said that prices for dining services like restaurants and cafés contributed 16.3 percent to the inflation rate in December, followed by rentals at 13.2 percent, tomato at 8.6 percent, Liquified Petroleum Gas or LPG at 7.7 percent, and rice at 6.2 percent. Major commodity groups that posted higher inflation in December compared to November include food and non-alcoholic beverages with 4.5 percent; housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels at 2.6 percent; recreation, sports, and cul-

ture at 2.0 percent, and personal care, and miscellaneous goods and services at 2.7 percent. On the other hand, some indicators posted lower inflation rates in December compared from previous month with alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 2.2 percent; clothing and footwear at 5.8 percent, and restaurants and accommodation services at 4.7 percent. Meanwhile, prices of furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance at 3.0 percent; health at 2.7 percent, information and communication at -0.1 percent, education services at 5.9 percent, and financial services at -1.8 percent remained constant during the final two months of 2024. According to PSA IV-A, inflation refers to the increase or decrease in the prices of goods compared to their prices during the same month of the previous

year. It involves a year-long comparison of the rate of increase or decrease of goods typically purchased by common households. PSA explained that the goods and services commonly purchased by households reflect the spending habits, preferences of consumers, and their geographical location. “Each region has its own ‘market basket’. If an area produces more, we can expect prices not to rise as much. However, if an area is affected by natural disasters and calamities, we can anticipate variations in inflation across different regions,” Armonia explained. Aside from the inflation rate, PSA said that they compute the purchasing power of the peso to determine the value and understand the cost of goods at present and compared five years ago. (PB/PIA-4A)

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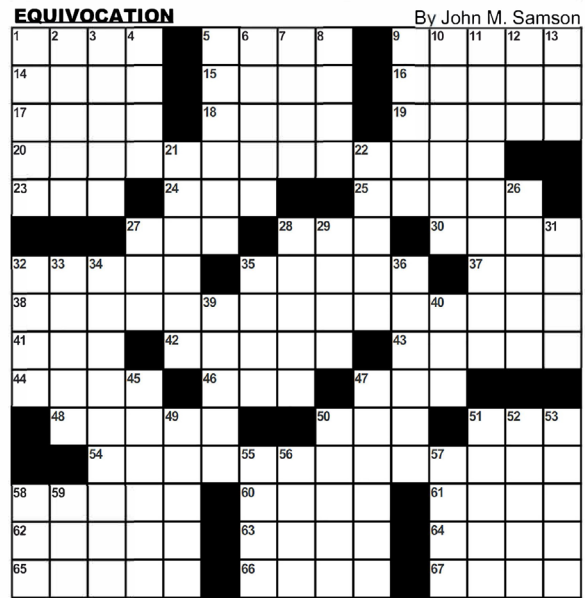
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- 9) Pelted on Halloween, say
- 14) Garr of “Tootsie”
- 15) Leslie Caron title role
- 16) Alfalfa’s heartthrob
- 17) The Bard’s stream
- 18) Somali supermodel
- 19) Toaster’s need
- 20) Magic 8 Ball reply
- 23) Cross-referencing word
- 24) Rudder locale
- 25) Bocelli offerings
- 27) Sancho’s mount
- 28) Wimbledon do-over
- 30) Caked-on dirt
- 32) Jobs or Wozniak
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- 37) -friendly (“green”)
- 38) “Don’t worry”
- 41) Game with “Draw Two” cards
- 42) Ice cream measures
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- 58) Samuel of the SupremeCourt
- 60) Pride Lands sound
- 61) Sport for behemoths
- 62) Put one over on
- 63) Saddlers’ tools
- 64) Swift horse
- 65) Still-life pitchers
- 66) Black Friday event
- 67) Seahawks coach Carroll

DOWN

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- 2) New Orleans embankment
- 3) Sprang up
- 4) Chimes player
- 5) Dover landmarks
- 6) Put a cap on
- 7) Astronaut Shepard
- 8) Smaller than compact
- 9) Landscaper’s tool
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- 11) Morally ambiguous situations
- 12) Ernie of the PGA
- 13) Some “Law & Order” figs.
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- 27) “Selma” director DuVemay
- 28) Artists’ studios, often
- 29) Libidinous god
- 31) Monastic titles
- 32) Cold shoulder
- 33) Copier need
- 34) Be frugal
- 35) Alternative to Vegas
- 36) Big champagne bottle
- 39) A half a cassette tape
- 40) Office PC connection
- 45) Christian of “Bobby”
- 47) Like a rasp
- 49) French cathedral city
- 50) Pint-sized
- 51) Sky hue
- 52) Paul of “American Graffiti”
- 53) InDesign software company
- 55) Timeline segments
- 56) Caucus state
- 57) CEO’s “Pronto!”
- 58) The Red Baron was one
- 59) First gear

CITY OF BACOR NEWS

Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla Leads Relief Distribution for Bacoor Fire Victims Aid Reaches Hundreds of Families Affected by Zapote 1 Fire



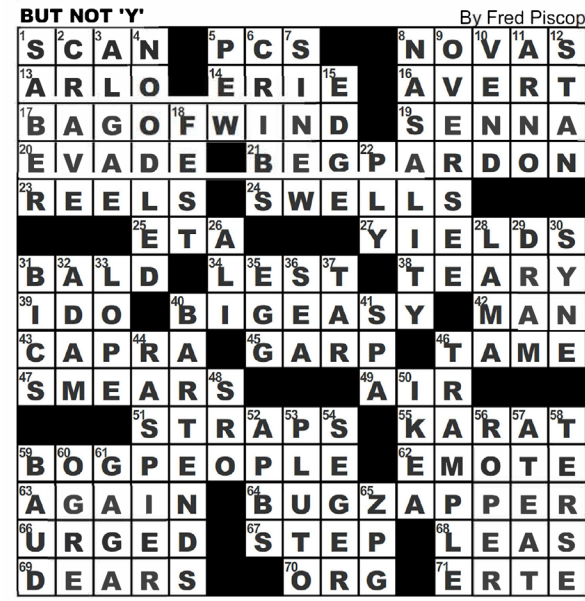
Bacoor City, January 23, 2025 – In a steadfast show of compassion and service, Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla spearheaded a relief distribution event yesterday at Main Square Mall, extending vital assistance to families affected by the recent fire in Zapote 1. Organized in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the event provided both financial aid and essential supplies to help residents recover from the disaster. A total of 498 families benefitted from the initiative, including 302 members of the Bacoor Homeowners Association and Council, Incorporated (BHOACI) and 198 families from Zapote 1. Joining Congresswoman Revilla in distributing the aid were Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Pastor Mike Bautista, Kuya Noly Galvez, Former Kapitan Eric Ugalde, and BHOACI President Guia Javier Oller. The team offered not only material support but also heartfelt words of encouragement to uplift the spirits of the affected families. “This effort reflects our unwavering commitment to standing by our constituents in times of need,” said Congresswoman Revilla. “We aim to help our families recover and rebuild, ensuring they can move forward with hope and resilience.” The relief distribution underscores the City Government of Bacoor’s dedication to providing timely and effective aid to residents facing hardship. For the hundreds of families who received support, the event marked a crucial step toward restoring normalcy in the wake of the devastating fire. /PR

BRISTOL MOTORCYCLE CENTER BACOR AND SPEEDGATE SERVICE CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENED



Bacoor City, January 28, 2025 - Bristol Motorcycle Center Bacoor and Speedgate Service Center officially opened its doors to the public today, marking a significant milestone for motorcycle enthusiasts in the city. The grand opening ceremony was graced by SK President Palm Angel Buncio, representing Mayor Strike B. Revilla, signifying the City Government’s support for the new venture. Representatives from Briston Motorcycle Worldwide, Wheeltek Cavite Chapter Philippines and the HOG (Harley Owners Group) were also present to celebrate this exciting development. The new center, located at 456 Pulong Mabilog Street, Barangay Molino 4, offers a wide range of services for motorcycle owners, including: sales of Bristol motorcycles, parts and accessories, service and repair. The opening of Bristol Motorcycle Center Bacoor and Speedgate Service Center is expected to cater to the growing demand for motorcycle services in the city and surrounding areas. With its commitment to providing quality products and services, the center aims to become a hub for motorcycle enthusiasts in Bacoor and beyond.The event highlighted the strong collaboration between the City Government of Bacoor and the BJMP, emphasizing their shared commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the community./PR

Last week’s solution:



GOVERNOR TOLENTINO CHAMPIONS WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT IN TAGAYTAY CITY



Tagaytay City, Philippines—Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino underscored her commitment to women’s empowerment during her recent visit to Tagaytay City, where she spearheaded the latest phase of the Women’s Welfare Program.

In a significant gesture of support, Governor Tolentino distributed Php 2,000 each to 2,000 women beneficiaries. Joining her was Tagaytay City Mayor Bambol Tolentino, who shared in celebrating the program’s impact on local communities.

During the event, the Governor emphasized the crucial role women play in building strong, resilient communities. “Women are the backbone of progress. By empowering them, we ensure the prosperity of the entire province,” she said.

This initiative aligns with Governor Tolentino’s ongoing mission to uplift women and highlights her belief that investing in women’s welfare translates to the overall growth and development of Cavite.

PGC MEDICAL MISSION BRINGS FREE HEALTH SERVICES TO GMA, CAVITE



General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite—The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Governor Medical Mission team, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and 5th District Board Member Aidel Belamide, successfully delivered free healthcare services to residents of Barangay Pulido, General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), on January 23, 2025.

The medical mission catered to 440 residents from Barangays Pulido and Malia, offering free medical consultations and essential medicines. The

CAVITE WOMEN’S WELFARE PROGRAM EMPOWERS THOUSANDS ACROSS THE PROVINCE



Cavite, Philippines—The Women’s Welfare Program (WWP) of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), led by Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, continues to make a profound impact on women’s empowerment and welfare across the province.

From January 21 to 23, 2025, the program reached thousands of women in the cities of Dasmarinas, Carmona, and Imus, as well as the municipalities of General Emilio Aguinaldo (Bailen) and Alfonso, covering Districts 3, 4, 5, and 8. During each event, 2,000 women received 2,000 in financial assistance, reaffirming the PGC’s commitment to improving the quality of life for women and their families.

Since its launch on November 15, 2024, the Women’s Welfare Program has provided support to a total of 85,000 women across Cavite, underscoring its far-reaching benefits.

The initiative is strengthened by the collaborative efforts of local officials and provincial representatives. Notable attendees included 3rd District Representative Adrian Jay “AJ” Advincula and Board Member Ony Cantimbuhan in Imus City, Board Members Jun Dela Cuesta and Nickol Austria in Dasmarinas City, and Board Member Aidel Belamide in the City of Carmona. District 8 Representative Aniela D. Tolentino graced the program in Bailen and Alfonso. Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Sangguniang Panlungsod/ Bayan members from each locality also showed their appreciation and support during the events.

Governor Tolentino highlighted the critical role of women as the backbone of thriving communities. “Through this program, we aim to empower women and give them the tools they need to uplift not just themselves but their families and communities as well,” she stated.

The Women’s Welfare Program stands as a testament to the PGC’s dedication to inclusive and sustainable development, providing financial aid and a platform for women to thrive. As the initiative continues, it serves as a beacon of hope and empowerment for countless women across Cavite.

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