

# RELENTLESS ACHIEVER



Aluminum glass making was one of Anastacio Castillo's businesses that helped him put his children through school and provide them with a comfortable life.

"I will keep working as long as I can," is the daily mantra of 61-year-old Anastacio Castillo. True to his word, he continues to work tirelessly to earn a living. Born in Quezon Province, Anastacio's life took a new turn when he met his wife, a native of Pangasinan, at a mutual friend's wedding. After getting married, they moved frequently, living in Bulacan, Cavite, and Batangas before settling in Tiaong, Quezon, upon discovering his wife was pregnant. In those early days, selling mami (noodle soup) was their main source of income. To grow their livelihood, Anastacio established a small carinderia (eatery). One of his most successful strategies was using social media to promote his business, where he went live to showcase the food he was offering. Aside from cooking, Anastacio is also skilled in making aluminum glass — a craft he learned from his uncle when he was just 17 years old. This skill eventually became another source of income for his family. Five years ago, he decided to start his aluminum glass business, starting with small contracts. Over time, his work gained recognition in the community. Recently, Anastacio tried his hand at hog raising, but it suffered a significant setback due to the African swine fever (AFS) outbreak. Many of his pigs died, leading to heavy financial losses. Despite this, Anastacio remains optimistic. "We had previously faced sleepless nights to make ends meet and send our children to school, so a business failure is just another challenge we can surely overcome," he said. "In business, losses are inevitable, and dwelling on your failures won't help you recover." Although three of his children now work abroad, helping him with their finances, he still keeps on working. "I don't want to rely entirely on my children, so as much as possible, I'll keep working. What matters most is that they are in a good state," he explained. To support his business, Anastacio became a CARD Bank client in 2021. Currently, he has obtained a PHP 100,000 loan from the institution. "CARD Banks' services are outstanding. What I like about them is that they support small businesses like mine that lack sufficient capital," he said. Anastacio Castillo's story proves how dreams combined with hard work can lead to a better state in life. /PR



# TESDA TO OFFER OFW ASSESSMENT IN DUBAI



As part of its initiative to support and ensure the professional growth and global competitiveness of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is once again set to conduct its Overseas Assessment Program (OAP) this year.

TESDA will bring its services to OFWs in Dubai, UAE, from May 31 to June 2, targeting to assess 255 OFWs in various qualifications such as Caregiving NC II, Massage Therapy NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II and III, and Photovoltaic Systems Installation NC II.

The assessment will take place at the Power Technical Training Center (PTTC), a TESDA-accredited assessment center in the Al Satwa district of Dubai.

TESDA Secretary Kiko Benitez said the program is a key initiative that supports the OFWs and emphasized that this initiative not only boosts OFWs' professional growth but also strengthens the global reputation of Filipino workers. He urged stakeholders to support and promote the program to benefit more OFWs.

"Our Overseas Assessment Program is a testament to our commitment to empowering Filipino workers abroad. By providing them with internationally recognized certifications, we help ensure that their skills are validated, recognized, and competitive in the global job market," he stated.

Interested OFWs in the area will need to accomplish the online application form at [https://bit.ly/2025\\_TESDA\\_OAP\\_Dubai](https://bit.ly/2025_TESDA_OAP_Dubai). Applicant-candidates will also need to submit their accomplished Application Form and Self-Assessment Guide (SAG), along with the required ID pictures (passport size, colored and white background).

The electronic copies of the Application Form and Self-Assessment Guide (SAG) for the identified qualifications can be downloaded from [https://bit.ly/TESDA\\_Prep\\_Assessment](https://bit.ly/TESDA_Prep_Assessment).

The OAP is being carried out in collaboration with the Migrant Workers Office of the Department of Migrant Workers.

Since the OAP was first implemented in 2014, a total of 7,784 OFWs across eight countries in Asia and the Middle East have been assessed. Of these, 6,671 were certified and awarded TESDA National Certificates and Certificates of Competency.

The 2025 OAP is an initiative that supports OFWs in securing competitive job opportunities, both locally and internationally. Through this program, TESDA aims to recognize and validate the skills acquired by Filipino workers through their experience and prior training.

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## The Cost of Dynasties — How Political Families Stifle Philippine Economic Growth

Political dynasties are deeply woven into the fabric of Philippine governance. From the smallest barangay to the halls of Congress, familiar surnames dominate the ballots year after year. While defenders of these political families argue that continuity and experience benefit the public, the truth is far more sobering: political dynasties are undermining the country's economic progress.

At the heart of this issue lies the concentration of power. When a handful of families monopolize leadership across generations, governance often becomes more about maintaining influence than delivering results. Local economies suffer when policies are shaped not by data and genuine need, but by personal or familial interests. Investment in critical sectors like

education, infrastructure, and agriculture can take a back seat to projects that merely enhance political visibility.

Moreover, political dynasties tend to thrive in areas where poverty is high — and that is no coincidence. Economic dependence is used as leverage, turning social services into political tools. This patronage system discourages innovation, weakens institutions, and stifles competition, especially for competent leaders outside the dominant families. The result? A cycle of underdevelopment where poverty becomes both a cause and consequence of dynastic rule.

The World Bank and various studies have pointed out the correlation between dynastic leadership and higher poverty incidence in the Philip-

pines. Provinces ruled by long-standing political families often lag in economic performance compared to those with more open and competitive political systems.

It is time to challenge this status quo. The passage of an anti-political dynasty law — long stalled in Congress, unsurprisingly filled with dynasts themselves — is critical. But more than legislation, what's needed is political will and voter awareness. Filipinos must begin to see that true public service is not inherited; it is earned.

For a more inclusive and dynamic economy, we must dismantle the monopolies on power. Only then can the Philippines unlock the full potential of its democracy — and its people.

- Ang Kabitenya

## CAVITE..

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PhilHealth continues to be committed in its mandate to deliver Universal Health Care (UHC) for every Filipino. The latest Philippine National Health Account (2023) reports that 44.4% of the country's Current Health Expenditure (CHE) was paid through out-of-pocket (OOP) means. Meanwhile, the government — which not only includes PhilHealth services but as well as other health financing government initiatives such as the Medical Assistance for Indigent Patients (MAIP) - contributes 42.6%. Although this is an aggregated figure, we are cognizant of PhilHealth's

significant role in alleviating the still-heavy financial burdens that Filipinos face when accessing health services. Hence, we have set out to reduce the OOP expenditure to around 25-35% over the next three (3) years, which would entail a series of regular reviews and refinement of our processes. For PhilHealth alone, this translates to an increase of the current CHE share to around 25-35% by 2028 — which necessitates focusing our benefit releases to prioritize high burden, and high cost diseases that commonly affect Filipinos, as evidenced by data. This

calls for alignment with our healthcare providers — professionals and institutions alike — to ensure preparedness for the implementation of benefits, allowing our members to promptly access care and financial risk protection. Benefits have been and will be expanded, but we need the health care supply-side to match these efforts. Gayunpaman, nililina natin na ang kontribusyon ng PhilHealth sa CHE (o gastos pangkalusugan ng bansa) ay iba pa sa support value o halagang sinasagot ng PhilHealth sa bawat pagpapaospital o pagpapatingin ng ating

mga myembro. Halimbawa, isa sa ating adhikain ay, sa susunod na tatlong taon, ang lahat ng maa-admit sa wards — publiko man o pribado — ay wala na dapat dagdag na babayaran sapagkat sakop na ito ng PhilHealth (100% support value). Ngunit, sa mas malawak na pambansang pananaw, maaaring ang 25-35% na gastos na manggagaling pa rin sa bulsa ng mga mamamayan ay napupunta sa iba pang serbisyong pangkalusugan gaya ng upgraded rooms at provider preference. Sa ating target na pagtaas ng kontribusyon ng PhilHealth sa CHE, atin nang labis

na mapabababa ang panganim ng kahirapang dala ng gastos sa pagpapagamot para sa maraming pamilyang Pilipino. However, reducing the OOP expenditure requires concerted, multi-sectoral efforts in strengthening the health system's financing strategies. Kaya naman, patuloy rin po tayong nakikipag-tulungan sa iba't ibang ahensya kabilang na ang Kagawaran ng Kalusugan (DOH), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Local Government Units (LGUs), at iba pa. Only through synchronized efforts among government

agencies could we successfully achieve health financial risk protection for every Filipino. Kaisa po kami ni Sen. Pia Cayetano sa hangaring bawasan ang gastusing pangmedikal na railangan pang ilabas ng mga Pilipino mula sa kanilang bulsa. Kaya naman, kami ay direktang nakikipag-ugnayan sa opisina ng mahal na Senadora upang mas lalo pang paigtingin ang aming serbisyo. Makakaasa po kayong patuloy na naglilingkod ang PhilHealth upang sama-sama nating maingat ang antas ng kalusugan sa isang Bagong Pilipinas. /PR

## DOT CALABARZON JOINS FILIPINO FOOD MONTH

The Department of Tourism Calabarzon Office joins the nation in celebrating Filipino Food Month this April, putting the spotlight on the rich culinary heritage and diverse flavors of the region. With the theme “Sarap ng Pagkaing Pilipino, Yaman ng Kasaysayan, Kultura at Pagkatao”, DOT's booth during the National Kickoff Ceremony on April 4 showcased the region's finest local products and heirloom ingredients. Among the featured items were Likhang Laguna handicrafts and beloved delicacies such as ensaymadang espasol, maja blanca, ube halaya, bibingka, and many others that reflect the unique taste of CALABARZON. DOT CALABARZON Regional Director Marites Castro expressed optimism about the positive impact of such celebrations on local tourism. “This will help a lot for Quezon's tourism because this will make you better known or taste better about what you can cook or what products we can promote to further develop the food industry and, above all, our tourism,” said Castro.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a cooking competition that showcased the culinary talents of Quezonians. Participants prepared various seafood dishes and delicacies using coconut—a staple ingredient in many traditional recipes from the province of Quezon. In addition, the Tourism department and the Provincial Government of Quezon are strengthening agritourism by promoting farm-to-table experiences and heritage food. This initiative not only celebrates culinary heritage but also supports local farmers, fisherfolk, and food entrepreneurs, and embodies experiential tourism for visitors and tourists alike. | via AM, MO/ PIA 4A



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## CAVITE LGU'S RECOGNIZED AT CMCI ORIENTATION AND 2024 PROVINCIAL AWARD



The Cavite Provincial Competitive Council hosted a CMCI Orientation and Recognition event on April 8, 2025, attended by representatives from the 23 Local Government Units (LGUs) in Cavite. The activity took place at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

The event, facilitated by the Department of Trade & Industry—Cavite in collaboration with the Office of the Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), aimed to enhance the competitiveness of local government units across the province while recognizing their outstanding achievements.

During the event, the awarding of the 2024 CMCI Provincial Awards took place, highlighting the most competitive LGUs for their exceptional performance in various indicators, such as governance, infrastructure, economic dynamism, and environmental sustainability. These awards serve as a recognition for the continuous efforts of Cavite's LGUs in fostering growth and development within their respective communities.

Ms. Christine G. Querubin, Supervising Trade and Industry Development Specialist of DTI 4A and Regional Focal Person for the CMCI Program, served as the resource speaker for the orientation. Her presentation provided an insightful overview of the CMCI, covering its indicators, the validation process, and the scoring and ranking methodology./PR



## ENCHANTED KINGDOM JOINS EARTH HOUR 2025 FOR AN ENCHANTING AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Last March 22, Saturday, the whole park turned off all of its lights for one hour in support of the worldwide movement driving positive environmental change. As the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, EK recognized its vital role in responsible stewardship towards the planet. Throughout the years, it remained steadfast in taking steps for a greener Earth through countless sustainability initiatives like switching to LED lights for lower energy consumption. EK was also DENR-compliant to operate generators. Just this February, EK committed to renewable energy by signing a magical partnership with Buskowitz Energy for the installation of new rooftop solar panels, which were expected to support five (5) facilities within the 25-hectare theme park. Eldar the Wizard invited everyone to be part of this global initiative towards a more enchanting and sustainable future for all. Guests and supporters were encouraged to take part in the lights-off event even from their own homes and let the Earth rest for an hour. Earth Hour 2025 was held on March 22, Saturday, from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM./PR



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## SM CITY BACOR BRINGS SMILES TO GIRLS HOME IN BRGY. BAYANAN



**Bacoor City, Cavite** — In a heartwarming display of community spirit, SM City Bacoor, in partnership with the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO-Bacoor), carried out a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity earlier today at the Girls Home in Barangay Bayanan.

As part of the outreach, volunteers from SM City Bacoor and LEDIPO distributed food packs and hygiene kits to the children. The event also featured a mini coloring session and fun games, bringing joy and laughter to the young residents.

In return, the children expressed their gratitude through lively intermission numbers, delighting the guests with heartfelt performances.

The initiative underscores SM City Bacoor's commitment to uplifting the community and supporting local welfare institutions. Their efforts were met with warm appreciation from both the children and staff of the Girls Home.

"Thank you so much, SM City Bacoor!" was the resounding message from the grateful children./PR

## CAYETANO'S...

More than 3,000 residents across CALABARZON received assistance this month through Senator Alan Peter Cayetano's Bayanihan Caravan, conducted in partnership with government agencies and local officials.

In collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the senator's office distributed livelihood assistance to women and health workers in Mendez and Tanza, Cavite, as well as in Lobo and Taysan, Batangas, under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program.

Local officials who supported the initiative included Tanza Vice Mayor Archangelo Matro, Mendez Mayor Francisco Mendoza, Lobo May-

or Lota Manalo, Taysan Mayor Edilberto Adabay, and former Batangas Representative Ranejo Abu.

Cayetano's office also extended aid to residents of Antipolo City through DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), with the help of Kagawad Kristine Ibarrolaza. The program aims to provide livelihood opportunities and support recipients' daily needs, particularly women.

The caravan also partnered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to provide livelihood packages to residents of Antipolo City under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP). The program was made

possible with the support of Antipolo Mayor Casimiro Ynares III.

Expanding its reach, the senator's office conducted a Tulong-Medikal Caravan in Biñan, Laguna, offering free general medical check-ups, diagnostic services, medicines, and specialized healthcare for women.

The medical assistance initiative was carried out with the support of Laguna Representative Len Alonte, Biñan Mayor Arman Dimaguila Jr., and Vice Mayor Gel Alonte.

Through these efforts, Cayetano continues to champion community-building and national transformation, ensuring that government support reaches those who need it most./PR

## AUSTRALIA...

The Australian Government has donated PHP34 million worth of drones and operator training to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), reinforcing the Philippine-Australia Strategic Partnership. The turnover ceremony occurred in Mariveles, Bataan, today, 08 April 2025.

The package includes 20 world-class aerial drones, which will bolster the PCG's strategic maritime domain awareness capabilities and assist the PCG to meet operational demands across its broad remit. Drone specialists from Australia's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's Office of the Chief Remote Pilot travelled to the Philippines this week to deliver four days of training for 30 members of the PCG Aviation Command Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Squadron. May be an image of 3 people and text The drones were gifted by Australia's Ambassador to the Philippines, Her Excellency HK Yu PSM

FCPA (Aust) at a handover ceremony in Bataan, and received by PCG Commandant, Admiral Ronnie Gil L Gavan PCG. "This support further boosts our ability to pursue more precisely, appropriately, and sustainably our complex rights and obligations from being both a maritime and archipelagic country. This also greatly assists the PCG to further advance its fundamental role as a responsible protector of rules to help keep the peace and prosperity for our own people and all law-abiding users of our seas to enjoy," said Admiral Gavan. "Australia is proud of our long-standing cooperation with the PCG, and our efforts to provide practical support for their crucial work," said Ambassador Yu. "I am pleased to deliver this package of state-of-the-art drones and training. It is a tangible example of our increased maritime cooperation with the Philippines and a contribution that supports PCG's moderni-

sation efforts," she furthered. The equipment was provided as part of Australia's civil maritime cooperation which also includes vessel remediation, post-graduate scholarships, operational training, marine protection, and annual Law of the Sea courses. Ambassador Yu announced in late 2024 that Australia would double its civil maritime cooperation with the Philippines to PHP649 million from 2025 to 2029. "This is another example of how we are putting our Philippines-Australia Strategic Partnership into action," said Ambassador Yu. Australia and the Philippines strengthened their civil maritime cooperation through a 2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Enhanced Maritime Cooperation. The MoU continues to accelerate closer collaboration in promoting a shared vision for a peaceful, stable, and prosperous region and respect for international law./PIA

## DTI...

Dolores, Quezon – March 26, 2025 – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Quezon, through its Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, officially launched the SSF for the Enhancement of Tahian sa Kooperatiba—a project valued at PhP 2,800,000.00—granted to the Pinagdalan Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PMPC) in Brgy. Pinagdalan, Dolores, Quezon.

The event began with a prayer led by SSF Support Staff, Chelsea Ann A. Canales, followed by the Philippine National Anthem. Beverly C. Pantoya, Negosyo Center Business Counselor for Dolores, Quezon, warmly welcomed the participants, guests, and cooperative members. Liza Aileen B. Merano, General Manager of PMPC, also expressed her appreciation for the support extended to their cooperative. In her speech, Anna Marie V. Quincina, DTI Quezon's Chief Trade-Industry Development Specialist, provided an insightful overview of the SSF Program and highlighted the cooperative's success in managing and operating their first SSF on Coffee Processing. She then emphasized how the new SSF for Garments would further enhance the cooperative's growth and provide new opportunities.

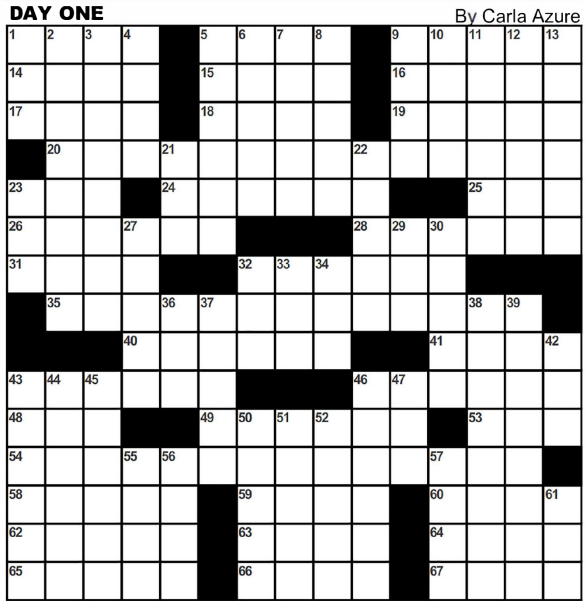
The program proceeded with messages of support, starting with DTI Quezon Provincial Director Julieta L. Tadosa, who congratulated the PMPC officers and members. She shared the history of the SSF for Garments, which began when Mayor Orlan A. Calayag sought DTI's help and subsequently endorsed the project. DTI CALABARZON Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez followed with her message, quoting Mayor Calayag's words during the launch of the OTOP Hub, "The town of Dolores will turn your sorrows into joy." She encouraged the cooperative to maximize the benefits of the SSF, emphasizing the importance of taking good care of the equipment provided. She also playfully reinterpreted the cooperative's acronym, "Pagyamanin Muli natin ang Pinagdalan Cooperative (PMPC)," to reinforce the vision of sustainable growth. Mayor Orlan A. Calayag expressed pride in Dolores' achievement of having multiple SSFs and thanked DTI for its continuous support. He lauded the diligence of PMPC in executing awarded projects and praised DTI for bringing advanced technology and equipment to improve productivity for MSMEs. The Mayor also mentioned his plans to propose a new

SSF for Meat Processing in the town. In closing, Mayor Calayag assured the cooperative of his unwavering support as he enters the final term of his office, pledging to continue efforts to improve the lives of Dolores' residents. The ceremonial turnover of equipment followed the speeches, with DTI CALABARZON CTIDS Marina V. Manalo and Anna Marie V. Quincina handing over the Certificate of Ownership to PMPC Chairman Apolonio M. De Rosales, who was visibly moved during his acceptance speech. Chairman De Rosales expressed heartfelt gratitude to DTI and Mayor Calayag for their continued support, assuring them that the cooperative would take great care in utilizing the new equipment to ensure the success of the project. The program concluded with the unveiling of the SSF marker and a photo opportunity. Guests were then led to the garment facility, where they observed a live demonstration of the equipment. Ms. Lourdes Macalinal of PMPC, with guidance from the technical team of Hinoki Global, Inc., showcased the operation of the embroidery machine, sublimation machine, and heat press equipment, providing valuable insights to all attendees. /DTI





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- 1) Ceremonial elegance
- 5) Sign away
- 9) Mirrors' partner
- 14) White House office
- 15) Angle between branch and trunk
- 16) By-and-by
- 17) Legendary singer Horne
- 18) Source of misery
- 19) Minor actor
- 20) Noted New Year's orchestra
- 23) Not scheduled for duty
- 24) Word with "weapon" or "injection"
- 25) Very small
- 26) Fuse again
- 28) Things to uphold
- 31) Jim at the bar
- 32) Disney head, once
- 35) New Year's event in Times Square
- 40) Be stealthy
- 41) Trouble's partner
- 43) Computer key
- 46) Kitchen item
- 48) One for the off-road
- 49) Library visitor
- 53) B-movie lead pumper
- 54) New Year's party occurrence
- 58) Cancel
- 59) Sublease
- 60) Stylishly elegant
- 62) Deed
- 63) Freedom from hardship
- 64) Basketball necessity
- 65) Bawl out
- 66) Something shady?
- 67) European volcano

- DOWN
- 1) D.C. insider
  - 2) Stuff to the gills
  - 3) Combat ship
  - 4) Work's antithesis
  - 5) Sent a wire
  - 6) Word-for-word
  - 7) Entertainer Shore
  - 8) " \_ and Her Men" (Ingrid Bergman film)
  - 9) Snow conveyance
  - 10) Singer Priest
  - 11) Capital of Canada
  - 12) Corny bit
  - 13) Cleans the slate
  - 21) " \_ in the Family"
  - 22) Dress type
  - 23) Crystal ball, for example
  - 27) Behave theatrically
  - 29) Socially emerging young woman, briefly
  - 30) Muse of lyric poetry
  - 32) Immature newt
  - 33) Japanese statesman
  - 34) Seller of sea shells
  - 36) "The \_ and the Pendulum"
  - 37) "Carmen" or "Norma"
  - 38) It has a big payoff
  - 39) Something that binds
  - 42) Word before up, out or down
  - 43) Tickets, slangily
  - 44) Pertaining to a certain culture
  - 45) Primitive camp structure
  - 46) Small sofa
  - 47) Paid athlete, in short
  - 50) Heron
  - 51) Nigh, in poesy
  - 52) Like a blockhead
  - 55) Think (over)
  - 56) Argued
  - 57) Feel pain
  - 61) Financial auditor's designation

BACOR CITY RELOCATES 50 FAMILIES, PROVIDING HOMES AND SUPPORT FOR FIRE VICTIMS AND CLEAN UP MANILA BAY DISPLACED RESIDENTS



**Bacoor City, April 8, 2025** - The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, successfully relocated 50 informal settler families (ISF) today. The relocation effort, spearheaded by the Housing Urban Development & Resettlement Department (HUDRD) led by Atty. Aimee Torrefrangca-Neri, in partnership with the National Housing Authority (NHA), provided the families with new homes and essential support. The relocated families were comprised of those affected by a fire in Barangay Maliksi 2 and residents living along the coastline who were displaced due to the Clean Up Manila Bay Writ of Mandamus. The families were transported to their new homes in Savanna Ville, Barras Rizal, via free bus transportation. The City Government also provided each family with groceries, rice, financial assistance, and free transport for their belongings. This relocation effort is a testament to the City Government's commitment to providing assistance and support to those in need, particularly in the aftermath of disasters and in response to environmental regulations. The relocation project is part of the City's ongoing efforts to address the issue of informal settlements and to ensure the safety and well-being of all Bacooreños.

BACOR HOPE CHILDREN'S CHORUS PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA, CELEBRATES SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS



**Bacoor City, April 8, 2025** - The Bacoor Hope Children's Chorus, led by Founder Doc Cristina Alberto, paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Strike B. Revilla today to share their recent achievements. The visit was a special occasion to celebrate the success of Marvi Norine Duay, a second Bacoor Hope Children's Chorus member who qualified for a scholarship at the Philippine High School for the Arts. Mayor Strike personally congratulated Marvi and expressed his pride in the Bacoor Hope Children's Chorus for nurturing such talented young musicians. He also took the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Doc Cristina Alberto for receiving the Outstanding Pediatrician in Community Service - Dra. Fe Del Mundo Award from the Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc. Doc Alberto was also presented with a Plaque of Recognition as Outstanding Alumna Community Service From Batch 2021 from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod College of Medicine. The visit was a testament to the dedication and hard work of both the Bacoor Hope Children's Chorus and its founder, Doc Cristina Alberto, in fostering artistic talent and promoting community service. The City Government of Bacoor remains committed to supporting the arts and recognizing the achievements of its talented residents.

Last week's solution:



Gun running suspect nabbed, arms cache seized in Cavite



**GUN BAN OFFENSE.** Police personnel conduct an inventory of confiscated high-powered firearms and ammunition from alias Jay of Bacoor City, Cavite in a buy-bust operation on Monday (April 7, 2025). The suspected gun runner will face charges under Republic Act 10591, the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act. (Photo courtesy of PIO-4A)

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** – A joint operation by various law enforcement groups on Monday led to the arrest of an alleged gun runner and the seizure of a cache of firearms and ammunition in Barangay Molino 2, Bacoor City, Cavite.

Brig. Gen. Kenneth Lucas, director of Police Regional Office (PRO) 4A (Calabarzon), confirmed the operation in a statement on Tuesday.

The suspect, identified as "Jay," 52, a resident of Barangay Molino 2, Bacoor City, was arrested during the buy-bust operation, which led to the discovery of a wide array of firearms and live ammunition, including four KG9 long firearms; two AR15 long firearms; one caliber .45 pistol; one caliber .22 pistol; six 9mm double-stack magazines; one lower frame of a caliber .45 pistol; three caliber .45 magazines; a box of caliber .45 live ammunition; and a zip-lock plastic bag containing 9mm live ammunition.

The suspect is currently in the custody of the Bacoor City Police Station and will face charges under Republic Act 10591, the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, and the Omnibus Election Code's provisions regarding the gun ban.

Lucas commended the team, which consisted of personnel of the Regional Intelligence Division 4A Special Team, the Technical Support Company, Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, and the Bacoor City Police Station.

"PRO 4A remains committed to removing illegal firearms and ammunition from our streets," he said. "Our operations will continue in full force to prevent these weapons from being used in unlawful activities, particularly with the upcoming elections and the ongoing implementation of the Comelec (Commission on Elections) gun ban," he said. (PNA)

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

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Foreclosure No. F-2025-51  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure  
of Real Estate Mortgage

MARVIN O. PAJARILLO  
Debtor / Mortgagor,

VANESSA A MIÑA,  
Co-debtor,

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, at 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue Mandaluyong City, and against the mortgagors, **VANESSA A. MIÑA signing for herself and as attorney-in-fact of MARVIN O. PAJARILLO**, at 149 Villaruel Street, Brgy. 24 Zone 4 Malibay, Pasay 1300 and Block 7 Lot 17 Lessandra Bacoor 9 Brgy. Salinas, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of February 28, 2025, amounts to **ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE PESOS AND 22/100 (P1,896,651.22)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **May 13, 2025 at 10 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. (057-2018052294) 167-2019000569**

**LOT NO: 17, BLOCK NO: 7, PLAN NO:** PSD-04-236739  
**PORTION OF:** LOT 184, PSU-164199; LRC RECORD NO. N-384873  
**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF SALINAS, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON  
**AREA: SIXTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS (67) MORE OR LESS**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **May 20, 2025**, without further notice.

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, April 2, 2025.

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By;

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**WARNING:** It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface, or destroy this notice of extra-judicial sale on or before the date of sale

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NOTICE

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPS. EMILIANO NATO TABING AND LUCINA LACSON TABING

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPS. EMILIANO NATO TABING AND LUCINA LACSON TABING** has been Extra-Judicially settled, adjudicated by their legal heirs and notarized on November 08, 2024 at Imus, Cavite before Notary Public, Atty. PETER JOSEPH C. LARA, PTR No. 2472624, expires December 31, 2024. The decedents died intestate without leaving any Last Will and Testament. The decedents left a parcel of land situated in Anabu 1, Imus, Cavite under Transfer Certificate of Title No. EP-98 with an area of FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN (416) SQUARE METERS.

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