

SSS OPENS 2026 WITH OPTIMISM, STRONG PERFORMANCE, AND EXPANDED GOALS



QUEZON CITY, Philippines — The Social Security System (SSS) welcomed the new year with renewed optimism as President and CEO Robert Joseph Montes De Claro addressed employees during the first flag-raising ceremony of 2026 at the SSS Head Office on January 5. Speaking on behalf of Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go, De Claro extended New Year greetings and commended the workforce for their strong performance in 2025.

He paid tribute to retirees and colleagues who passed away in the previous year, emphasizing the invaluable contributions they left behind.

De Claro also reported encouraging preliminary figures for 2025, noting that the SSS balance sheet expanded by 30 percent to reach approximately P1.3 trillion, while

estimated net income climbed to around P130 billion. He added that the fund life remained steady at 25 years. He emphasized that last year, SSS successfully implemented pension benefit improvements through the Pension Reform Program and reduced the interest rates on several loan products.

Looking ahead to 2026, De Claro said the agency will focus on improving services for members, including moving further toward paperless transactions. He stressed plans to enhance workforce efficiency and effectiveness and confirmed that SSS aims to hire about 1,800 additional personnel to strengthen operations nationwide. He also highlighted the agency's intensified collection campaign, which will be bolstered by ongoing information technology enhancements. "2026 will be a very busy year for us," he remarked.

In his message, De Claro also shared a portion of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s New Year address encouraging Filipinos to enter the year with discipline, confidence, and a shared commitment to national progress.

For SSS, this progress will take several forms, including the second round of pension increases under the Pension Reform Program,

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the continued rollout of the Emergency Loan Program, and the launch of the Micro Loan Program. De Claro also underscored plans for deeper collaboration with Pag-IBIG Fund and PhilHealth, particularly in digitalization efforts that aim to deliver better services to members.

He added that SSS intends to maintain its support for capital market development, pursue overseas investment opportunities, expand landbanking initiatives, and strengthen services for overseas Filipino workers—including the upcoming opening of foreign offices in Madrid and San Francisco.

Closing his address, De Claro assured employees that the Social Security Commission remains firmly committed to practicing good governance across all operations. He encouraged the workforce to embrace the year ahead with enthusiasm and confidence. "Let's face 2026 with pride—heads held high and smiles

on our faces. Together, let's make this year another successful and memorable one for SSS," he said.



SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

ATI CALABARZON TRAINING PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON 'MODERNIZING' AGRICULTURE



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) in CALABARZON will prioritize providing responsive training aimed at modernizing local farming and fishing practices in 2026.

Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director for ATI CALABARZON, emphasized that the center will also focus on inclusive and technology and skills-based training.

"We will solidify our efforts to modernize and mechanize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing

technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based training that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers," he said.

As the training hub for farmers, fisherfolk, Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs), as well as hobbyists and enthusiasts, Maningas also noted that the region's programs integrated modern technology and sustainable farming practices to create a resilient agriculture sector.

"Training and other extension initiatives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management," he added.

Maningas underscored that training for agricultural workers goes beyond production—it also hopes to transform the region's strengths in agrobusiness.

"The agency also provided technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs."

This effort will focus on key programs, including rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP).

In 2025 alone, the ATI CALABARZON has equipped over 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural extension workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts; and individuals with essential skills in agriculture.

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CALABARZON TEACHERS CLINCH TOP SPOTS IN LEPT 2025

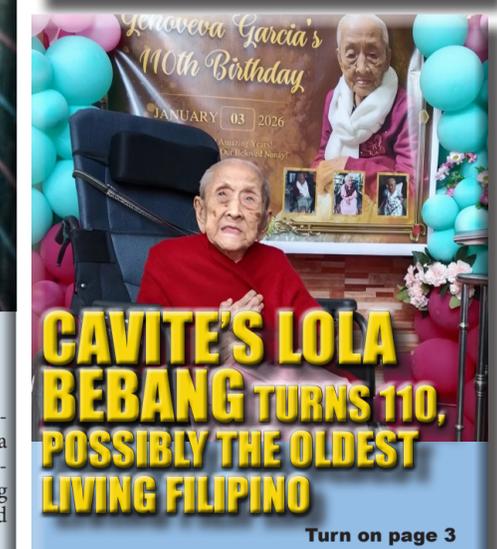
CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Aspiring teachers from the CALABARZON region swept the top rankings in the September 2025

Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT).

Last December, the Professional Regulator

Commission (PRC) released the list of toppers and passers during the recent LEPT. Meanwhile, the Commission of Higher Ed-

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THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY IN 2026 — A YEAR TO REGAIN MOMENTUM

As the Philippines enters 2026, the state of the national economy stands at a defining crossroads. The past years have tested the country's resilience—from the lingering aftershocks of the pandemic to global conflicts that continue to disrupt trade, supply chains, and energy markets. Yet amid these challenges, the Philippines now faces an opportunity to regain momentum and steer its economic direction with renewed focus, discipline, and foresight.

Economic forecasts for 2026 remain cautiously optimistic. Growth projections remain positive, driven by expanding infrastructure programs, sustained domestic consumption, and the strong performance of the services sector—particularly information technology and business process management (IT-BPM), tourism, and retail. The continued rollout of major public infrastructure under the Build Better More program is also expected to generate employment and stimulate local economies across the regions.

But optimism must be matched with consistency. Inflation, though relatively tamed compared to previous years, continues to threaten household bud-

gets, especially for low-income families. Food security remains a perennial challenge, with agricultural productivity still lagging despite numerous government interventions. The weakness of the peso, while beneficial to overseas Filipino workers, places pressure on small and medium enterprises that rely on imported materials and fuel.

The year 2026 demands that the government deliver on reforms that build long-term stability rather than short-term relief. Strengthening the agriculture sector must be a national priority. Investments in irrigation, mechanization, and post-harvest facilities—long neglected—must be accelerated if the country hopes to curb food price volatility. Support for MS-MEs, the backbone of the Philippine economy, should be deepened through access to credit, digitalization programs, and market linkages that help them compete sustainably.

Equally crucial is maintaining investor confidence. Regulatory consistency, streamlined business processes, and an unambiguous stance on energy policy—particularly renewable energy—will determine whether the Philippines can attract foreign invest-

ments in a competitive Asia-Pacific landscape. Without clear direction, opportunities may slip toward neighbors with more predictable economic environments.

Still, the greatest strength of the Philippine economy lies in its people. From OFWs sending remittances, to microentrepreneurs rebuilding livelihoods, to young workers fueling the labor force—the nation continues to power forward through tenacity and creativity. Government must ensure that the environment in which these citizens strive is stable, fair, and inclusive.

In 2026, the challenge is not merely to grow the economy but to grow it with purpose: to produce food security, create dignified jobs, narrow inequality, and build systems resilient enough to withstand future crises. The Philippines has the potential to forge a path toward long-term prosperity. Whether that potential is realized depends on the choices made today.

The year ahead is a test of leadership—and a chance for the nation to rise to it.

-Ang Kabitenya

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from the region's Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

Stephanie Alyssa M. Llandonez of the Philippine Normal University South Luzon ranked fifth among this year's takers with a score of 93.20 percent, while Sarrah Lynn N. Cedeño of the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna ranked eighth with a score of 92.60 percent among the takers of the LEPT Elementary Level.

Also included in the top examinees for the LEPT Secondary Level were Joseph Matthew Delmiguez of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and Exequiel Bagtidon of the Batangas State Univer-

sity (BatStateU) – Lipa Campus. Delmiguez and Bagtidon both ranked tenth in the country with a score of 93.00 percent.

Among the top performing schools was Batangas State University – Batangas City campus, which had 100 or more examinees and with at least 87 percent passing average.

The LEPT is a mandatory examination administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for individuals aspiring to become professional teachers in the Philippines.

In a social media post, CHED CALABARZON congratulated the new-

ly-licensed teachers.

"We celebrate this exceptional milestone with you and look forward to the impactful contributions you will make in the field of [Professional Teaching]."

The Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers is a nationwide test to qualify teachers aspiring to teach in the country.

In his 2025 State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. noted a total of additional 60,000 teaching items in the entire country. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, CHED Regional Office IV/FACEBOOK)

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LIPA CITY, Batangas (PIA) — The Philippines is strengthening its role in the ASEAN region's supply chain following the groundbreaking ceremony of Amplefield Malvar Inc. at the LIMA Technology Center, Lipa City, Batangas, last December 17, 2025.

Malaysian investment firm Amplefield Ltd. has committed an estimated P950 million to build 13 warehouse buildings seen to provide job and investment opportunities once operational this year.

The project will cover the construction, operation, and maintenance of the warehouse buildings that will be sold or leased to companies registered with the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA). This initiative is seen to expand the region's capacity for industrial spaces for

export-oriented and supply-chain-driven locators.

Andrew Koh, President of the Singapore Philippines Association Inc. (SPA), noted that the project will create new employment opportunities and drive technology transfer, both of which are crucial in the country's role in the global value chain.

"[The project] is exactly the kind of partnership that builds sustainable economic growth."

The move is designed to promote incentives and streamline processes to attract foreign investments, create jobs, and boost exports, Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Director-General Tereso Panga said, assuring that South Luzon will remain a reliable and competitive partner for long-term growth.

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Media practitioners recognized at the CARD MRI Panaghiusa Media Awards



Some of CARD MRI's media partners nationwide were recognized during the Panaghiusa Media Awards held at Casita Uno, San Lucas I, San Pablo City, Laguna, on December 10, 2025.

On December 10, 2025, the CARD MRI Panaghiusa Media Awards ceremony was held at Casita Uno, Carmelite Road, Brgy, San Lucas I, San Pablo City, Laguna, recognizing outstanding media practitioners nationwide for their collaboration with CARD MRI in its effort towards poverty eradication.

"Through this event, we aim to recognize the efforts of our media partners in helping eradicate poverty through information dissemination. They are the ones who consistently give voices to CARD MRI's

stories, so today, we wanted to turn the spotlight to them and ensure that their hard work is truly seen and appreciated," CARD MRI Publishing House President Ms. Marilyn Manila stated.

The major award, Natatanging Kabalik ng Taon, was given to Radyo Natin Calapan and Laguna Courier in recognition of their meaningful and timely coverage of CARD MRI's key events, milestones, and achievements. Each of them received a cash prize of PHP 25,000.00 along with Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

On the other hand, the Kasangga sa Pag-unlad award was given to Rapids Journal, Wednesday Herald, Dateline Weekly Newspaper, Radyo Natin Lucena, and DZJV CALABARZON for their commitment to promoting CARD MRI's mission through advocacy, as well as their support for financial inclusion, poverty eradication, and social development. Each awardee received a cash prize of PHP 20,000.00 and Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

Meanwhile, Facts and Figures Newsweekly, Newscore Bulacan, Amihan, The Laguna Express, The Daily Guardian, Boracay Island News, Mindanao Journal, and Periodico Norte received the Huwarang Tagabando award in recognition of their contribution in amplifying CARD MRI's stories through their respective platforms. Each awardee

received a cash prize of PHP 15,000.00 and Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

"Our media partners are more than just conveyors of news. They are storytellers who bring our stories to life. Being a journalist is not an easy calling; it needs courage, dedication, and genuine compassion. For this reason, we proudly honor the outstanding media practitioners who have stood with us in spreading awareness of CARD MRI's mission, helping bring poverty eradication closer to reality," said CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip.

Present during the awarding are the senior advisers, the executive committee, and the management committee members of CARD MRI.



LGU Indang, Philippine Coast Guard Forge Partnership for Safety and Environmental Protection



Indang, Cavite — January 13, 2025 The Local Government of Indang has strengthened its commitment to public safety, disaster preparedness, and environmental protection through the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

The signing ceremony, led by Indang Mayor Vergel Fidel and Vice Mayor Ferdie Papa, together with PCG District Commander Christopher M. Meniado and Capt. Charity G. Copiaco, formalizes closer coordination between the two institutions in implementing programs that safeguard the community and preserve natural resources.

Under the agreement, the LGU and PCG will collaborate on disaster preparedness and response initiatives, ensuring a more efficient and unified approach during emergencies. The partnership also covers environmental protection efforts, particularly in the conservation and monitoring of Indang's water resources.

According to municipal officials, the MOA represents the LGU's ongoing effort to build strong linkages with national government agencies to deliver improved, secure, and sustainable public service. The collaboration forms part of Indang's broader vision of fostering a safer and more progressive community under its "Bagong Indang" governance agenda.

Advertisement for International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026, featuring a group of women farmers in a field and contact information for PhilRice.

Advertisement for Wednesday Chronicle News Publishing Services, including contact information and editorial board details.

PHILHEALTH ADVISORY No. 2026-001

One-Time Waiver of Interest on Missed Employer Contributions

PhilHealth Press Release No.: 2026-01

PhilHealth Implements One-Time Interest Waiver to Help Employers and Members Settle Contributions

PhilHealth welcomes the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to implement a one-time waiver program for incurred interests from missed premium payments. This is a concrete measure to help employers, self-employed individuals, and other covered members settle long-standing contribution obligations and restore good standing with the National Health Insurance Program.

The waiver policy underscores the administration's commitment to fairness, economic recovery, and sustained access to healthcare by addressing the accumulated burden of interest arising from missed premium payments.

To provide clarity, the one-time waiver applies strictly to interest charges, and does not cover unpaid premium contributions. The policy is designed to assist employers and self-employed individuals whose arrears have ballooned primarily because of compounded interest, while ensuring continuous delivery of benefits of employees and members of PhilHealth.

To further ease the financial burden on covered entities, PhilHealth is providing a one-year settlement window from the effectivity of the Circular, during which outstanding premium contributions may be paid. Employers who settle earlier within the prescribed period may qualify for greater reductions in interest, including partial or full waiver, depending on the length of the payment term.

For the employed sector, the guidelines for availing waiver will be published soon. Meanwhile, the detailed implementing mechanics for the self-employed sector are being finalized and will be issued separately to ensure proper guidance and orderly implementation.

As part of the program safeguards, employers availing of the one-time waiver are required to register their employees under the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) and ensure completion of the First Patient Encounter (FPE), in line with PhilHealth policy. This requirement reinforces the intent of the waiver—not only to recover missed contributions, but also to connect workers and their families to accessible primary care services. PhilHealth encourages all eligible employers and members to take advantage of this limited, one-time opportunity, and advises the public to await official announcements for further details on implementation timelines and payment arrangement options, particularly for the self-employed sector.

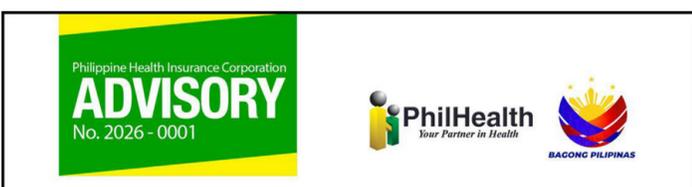
For accurate information and updates, the public is urged to follow PhilHealth's verified communication channels.

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One-Time Waiver of Interest on Missed Employer Contributions

In line with the recent publication of PhilHealth Circular No. 2026-0001, PhilHealth announces the implementation of a one-time waiver of interest program designed to provide government and private employers a fair and reasonable opportunity to settle unpaid premium contributions accumulated over time, while strengthening PhilHealth's partnership with them to support sustained compliance going forward. This initiative recognizes that the high level of compounded interest, coupled with the economic challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, has made compliance difficult for many employers.

Under this program, employers with missed premium contributions covering the period July 2013 to December 2024 may settle their obligations within a dedicated one-year window, subject to the following settlement options:

- Two percent (2%) interest rate for seven to twelve (7-12)-month payment arrangement;
- One percent (1%) interest rate for two to six (2-6)-month payment arrangement; and,
- Zero percent (0%) interest rate or full waiver of interest for one (1)-month payment arrangement.

Requirements:

- Submission of all required documents;
- Updating of Employee Masterlist; and,
- Registration and assignment of all employees in the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) & completion of First Patient Encounter (FPE).

The program offers flexibility through partial or full waiver of interest depending on the period of settlement, with the objective of easing the financial burden on employers while enabling PhilHealth to recover unpaid contributions critical to sustaining the National Health Insurance Program.

Employer requests to avail of the program shall be accepted until December 31, 2026 only. This is a time-bound, one-time initiative intended to encourage compliance and strengthen PhilHealth's capacity to deliver health benefits to the Filipino people.

For further inquiries, interested employers may coordinate with their assigned PhilHealth Accounts Information Management Specialist (PAIMS) or visit the nearest PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO).

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CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – As a result of the intensified efforts in maintaining peace and order in the Calabarzon region, the Philippine National Police Regional Office IV-A records significant operational accomplishments in 2025.

Under the leadership of PRO IV-A Regional Director Police Brigadier General Paul Kenneth Lucas, the Calabarzon police conducted 8,770 operations in its anti-illegal drug campaign, leading to the arrest of 11,391 individuals.

During the said operations, the authorities confiscated 84,235.02 grams of shabu and 91,349.27 grams of marijuana, with a combined estimated value of Php646,319,834.60, which led to a major blow of illegal drug networks operating in the region.

According to PBGen Lucas, these achievements reflect the hard work, discipline, and unity of Calabarzon police officers and personnel in carrying out the agency's mandate to maintain peace and security across the region.

"These achievements are a testament to the hard work, discipline, and unity of our personnel and our partners. Guided by the principle of Bagong PNP para sa Bagong Pilipinas: Serbisyon Mabilis, Tapat at Nararamdaman, PRO 4A will continue to deliver responsive, honest, and people-centered policing for the people of CALABARZON." PBGen Lucas said in an official press release.

He also highlighted the crucial support of part-

ner government agencies and local communities, emphasizing that these successes are crucial in the police's commitment to uphold the law, protect the public, and sustain peace and order throughout the region.

Additionally, the Calabarzon police has successfully arrested 4,073 wanted individuals under its campaign against most wanted persons. This includes the arrest of 6 National Level; 1,006 Regional Level; and 1,433 Provincial Level Most Wanted Persons.

As part of its intensified campaign against illegal gambling, PRO IV-A conducted 9,686 operations across the region, resulting in 22,619 arrests and the confiscation of over P4 million in betting money.

Meanwhile, campaign against loose firearms in the region has yielded notable results, with 1,478 operations leading to the confiscation, surrender, and recovery of 2,708 firearms, helping reduce election-related and other gun-related incidents.

As the new year begun, PRO IV-A sets its sight in delivering responsive, honest, and people-centered policing, making law enforcement fair and effective to build trust and maintain community engagement to deter crimes. (CO/PIA-CALABARZON with reports from RPIO)



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PGC Brings Free Healthcare Services to Paliparan III Residents



Dasmariñas City, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the joint efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted a medical mission in Barangay Paliparan III, serving 452 residents.

The health outreach provided free medical consultations, X-ray services, fasting blood sugar tests, and electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, giving patients direct access to professional medical assessment. Beneficiaries also received prescribed medicines and vitamin supplements to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses, especially for families in need.

Under the leadership of Governor Abeng Remulla, the provincial government continues to strengthen its efforts to ensure accessible and responsive healthcare services for every Caviteño, reaffirming its commitment to the well-being of local communities. /PR

CAVITE'S...

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CAVITE, Philippines — Genoveva Ferma Garcia of Mendez Nuñez, Cavite marked a remarkable milestone on January 3 as she celebrated her 110th birthday, making the supercentenarian—affectionately known as "Lola Bebang"—possibly the oldest living Filipino today.

According to an unofficial gerontology page that has tracked the country's oldest known living individuals since 1957, Garcia now tops the list.

Born in 1916, Lola Bebang worked as a seamstress in her younger years and tended a vegetable garden with her husband, the late Sixto Garcia, who was once a waiter at the historic Taal Vista Hotel in Tagaytay City. Together, they raised nine children—two of whom have passed on—as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her family attributes her longevity to her strong faith and healthy lifestyle. Despite rumors in their community that she carries amulets, her children insist that prayer has always been her foundation; she still prays in Latin. She has rarely experienced serious illness, her only ailments being cough

and flu throughout her lifetime. A diet rich in vegetables, including her favorite bulanglang paired with ripe mango, has also contributed to her good health.

As of January 12, the local government of Mendez was set to grant her a 10,000 incentive. She has been receiving this annual support since becoming a centenarian in 2016. At age 100, she received 100,000 from the national government and 50,000 from the provincial government of Cavite, as mandated under the Centenarians Act (RA 10868) and the Expanded Centenarians Act (RA 11982).

Data from the Philippine News Agency shows that the Philippines had over 1,000 centenarians as of February 2025, including several supercentenarians—those aged 110 and above. Most centenarians in the country are female, composing 75-80% of the total population, with significant clusters in Metro Manila, Cebu, Mindanao, and the Ilocos Region.

Lola Bebang's extraordinary life continues to be a source of inspiration in her community, embodying resilience, faith, and the quiet strength of generations past. /PR



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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORE CLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-

SPS. MARVIN C. VIRIÑA and VERONICA P. VIRIÑA, Respondent-Mortgagors,
FC No. 19642-25

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, Petitioner-Mortgagee, with principal office at RCBC Savings Bank Corporate Center, 26th & 25th St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against SPS. MARVIN C. VIRIÑA and VERONICA P. VIRIÑA, Respondent-Mortgagors, with residence and postal address at San Roque, Liliw, Laguna and/or Block 26 Lot 8 Ph. 4, Vallejo Place 4, Pasong Buaya, Imus City, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 1, 2025 amounts to FOUR MILLION EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOUR PESOS and 62/100 (P4,018,104.62) Philippine Currency, excluding interest, penalty charges, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Imus, Multiple Sala, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aginaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2022024588

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF PASONG BUWAYA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, BLOCK 26 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-025811, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 5637-A, PSD-04-201376; LOT 5640-B, PSD-04-191636; LOTS 5642-A & 5642-C, (LRC) PSD-321647; LOTS 5639 & 6516, IMUS ESTATE AND LOT 3, PCS-042109- (Continued on next page)

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Address: SAN ROQUE LILIW LAGUNA

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)
-006977, L.R.C. REC. No. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF PASONG BUWAYA, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE N.W., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6, BLOCK 26; ON THE N.E., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 30 (8.00 METERS WIDE); ON THE S.E., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 12; AND ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 11; AND ON THE S.W., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 7, ALL BLOCK 26, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING S. 81 DEG. 28' W., 1,047.42 M. FROM MON. NO. 176, IMUS ESTATE; THENCE N. 77 DEG. 35' E., 13.37 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 12 DEG. 25' E., 7.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 77 DEG. 35' W., 8.70 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE S. 77 DEG. 35' W., 4.68 M. TO POINT 5;

THENCE N. 12 DEG. 25' W., 7.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINETY FOUR (94) SQUARE METERS. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 40 CM.; BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, JULY 27, 1905-JUNE 11, 1908 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY, NOVEMBER 3-14, 2009 & WAS APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 4, 2010.

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, it shall be held on February 17, 2026 without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, December 19, 2025.

SGD ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV

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CAYETANO...

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Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Sunday emphasized that church communities have the strongest influence in setting moral standards and driving national change.

"The greatest influence is community... Naghanap po tayo ng pagbabago... We want the culture of heaven. Ang problema, ang culture is also dictated by the community," Cayetano said during the '40 Days of Prayer and Fasting' event at Taguig Lakeshore on January 11, 2026.

He said transforming the nation requires reshaping community cultures — specifically the struggle between the "culture of heaven" (integrity, faithfulness) and the "culture of hell" (corruption, dishonesty). For him, there should be no gray areas in between.

Cayetano cited a December Pulse Asia survey to illustrate how Filipinos clearly view corruption in projects like flood control, but may not see tax evasion in the same light.

"Merong Pulse Asia survey noong December. Basically, ang sinasabi niya, y'ung katulad ng mga flood control, kla-

ro sa Pilipino na corruption iyon. Pero let's say pandaraya sa taxes, not necessarily," he explained.

"Again, (there's value in) community and community standards. Iba kasi y'ung malinaw, malinaw na good and bad. Iba y'ung strategy ng demonyo na gagawing relative," he said.

Cayetano urged Filipinos to examine national issues through a spiritual lens. He called on the church to help the nation confront its "spiritual sickness" and cultural addictions such as corruption and gambling, and to replace harmful systems with righteous ones.

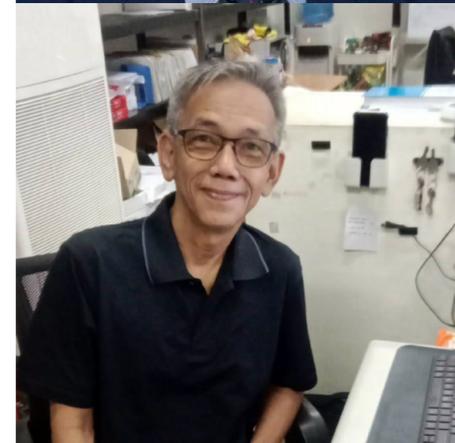
He also encouraged church communities to take a strategic role in rebuilding the nation, highlighting the Philippines' vast potential.

Cayetano also emphasized that the ongoing 40-day fast should serve as a strategy for transformation, ensuring that future generations inherit a nation aligned with its divine calling.

"Our prayer is not just for the church, not just for your family, not just for Taguig — it's for the nation," he said. ###

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In Every Failure, a Whisper of Hope: The Journey of Atty. Jose Don S. Crisologo



Some lives read like books opened in the quiet of night—pages filled with unanswered questions, silent tears, uncertain tomorrows, and dreams that cling to the faintest trace of hope. Such is the story of Atty. Jose Don S. Crisologo, whose path to becoming a lawyer was anything but easy.

Now sixty years old, Crisologo took the Bar Examination five times. Five times, he faced defeat. Five times, he thought the dream was slipping away. Yet five times, he rose again, guided by a gentle voice inside him whispering, "This is not the end. Your dream is waiting."

His mind was sharpened at the Philippine Cambridge School of Law, but it was life itself that shaped his heart. Every lesson became a weapon, every failure a teacher. He learned that justice is more than statutes and documents—it is compassion for people searching for light in their darkest hour.

Before entering the judiciary, Crisologo served in government—first as a staff member of former Vice Governor Atty. Danilo Lara, and later in the Pag-IBIG Fund. There, he witnessed the quiet struggles of ordinary Filipinos: families yearning for a home of their own, young people holding on to fragile hopes. It was in these moments that he realized the law has a face, a pulse, and a beating heart—and that true service requires both courage and humility.

Today, he serves as a Court Interpreter at RTC Branch 23 in Trece Martires City. His role carries authority, yes, but more importantly, it demands under-

standing. With every decision he encounters in the courtroom, he remembers what it feels like to fall, to strive, and to carry a dream that once seemed too heavy to hold.

At home, he is a husband and father, living in Brgy. Ligton III, Rosario, Cavite with his wife, Nelia Tolentino Crisologo—his quiet companion through every turning point. Their three children have built their own paths: one is a registered nurse, another a graduate in Applied Mathematics, and the youngest is a fourth-year Electrical Engineering student.

And just days ago, the Supreme Court released the list of successful Bar examinees. This time, Crisologo's name was there. After years of struggle, after five heartbreaking failures, and after endless perseverance—he finally became Atty. Jose Don S. Crisologo.

This moment is more than a name on a list. It is proof that dreams bloom in their own season, and triumph arrives in the time chosen not by chance, but by faith.

His story is not one of flawless victory. It is a story of quiet strength, of tears that never sought attention, of resilience that refused to fade. It reminds us that even in the weight of failure and the shadows of doubt, there is light waiting at the end of a long journey.

And sometimes, the deepest triumphs are born from the battles fought not in public, but within one's own heart—battles against fear, against time, against a world that tells you to give up. In the end, the world waits, and in the right moment, it offers its light.

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ATTY. JOSE DON S. CRISOLOGO