

MPT SOUTH KICKS OFF ROAD SAFETY MONTH WITH 'DRAYBERKS: READY 4 SAFETY' CAMPAIGN



May 22, 2025—With the goal of building a safer future on Philippine roads, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South) marked Road Safety Month by unveiling its latest theme for road safety advocacy campaign “Drayberks: Ready 4 Safety,” in a ceremonial launch held at the Golden Phoenix Hotel in Pasay City.

Over 100 stakeholders from both the public and private sectors attended the celebration, in partnership with national agencies including the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), PNP Highway Patrol Group Region IV-A, Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), and PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC). Local government units in Metro Manila and CALABARZON also joined the celebration, including representatives from Taguig, Parañaque, Pasay, Las Piñas, Bacoor, Imus, Kawit, General Trias, Dasmariñas, Silang, Santa Rosa, and Biñan.

The following major transport and terminal partners also attended the event: Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX), One Ayala Terminal, and advocacy organizations like ACTO; bus companies such as TAS Trans Corp., Erjohn & Almark Transit Corp. Co., Don Aldrin Transport Inc., Saulog Transit, and Jasper Jean Services Inc.; UV groups such as DIPTA-MOA, United 12 Corp., TVTAP; modern and traditional jeepney groups such as Paliparan 3, Kapit Bisig Transport, PABODA, CAMBIO, and Universal Transport; and Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association Inc. as a representative for the logistics sector. Mr. Jose Ma. K. Lim, the President and CEO of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), delivered the welcome remarks. He emphasized the critical role expressway operators play not just in building infrastructure, but also in promoting a culture of safety on and beyond their roads. He stated, “This project is just one of the many ways MPTC demonstrates its unwavering commitment to the safety of all road users. We believe that true progress in road safety comes through collaboration—by working hand-in-hand with government, private partners, and the communities we serve.”



The main event was the unveiling of the new Road Safety Campaign of MPT South, “Drayberks: Ready 4 Safety” Campaign, which was led by Ms. Arlette V. Capistrano, MPT South Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management. The Drayberks program, first introduced in 2018, has evolved into a well-regarded platform for promoting road discipline. Now in its sixth year, Drayberks has been recognized as a model road safety program, most recently earning a Bronze Stevie® Award in the Innovation in Communications/ Public Relations category at the 2025 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards. With the refreshed Ready 4 Safety campaign, MPT South aims to reach drivers of all classifications—from public utility drivers and logistics operators to private motorists—through updated modules grounded in four key points: Responsible driving, expressway rules, pre-trip vehicle inspection, and practicing discipline on the road.

“‘Ready 4 Safety’ strengthens our promise to equip every driver with the knowledge and values needed to navigate roads safely—not only for their own benefit, but for everyone’s,” Capistrano shared during the unveiling.

The event culminated in a powerful moment as participants stood together to recite the Drayberks Pledge, led by MPT South OIC Elnora D. Rumawak. This collective commitment to safe, disciplined, and responsible driving was further solidified with a symbolic pledge signing, uniting government agencies, transport groups, and local leaders under one shared goal. As the curtains closed on this milestone celebration, MPT South reaffirmed its mission: that beyond building roads, it is building a culture of safety, accountability, and readiness—one driver, one community at a time. /PR



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Mouthwatering Taste of Determination



Growing up, Marita Villamor from Sampaloc, Manila, dreamed of becoming an office girl and thriving in the corporate world. With this goal in mind, she pursued a secretarial course in college and even enrolled in a typing lesson class—all in hopes of landing her dream job. But life has different plans for her. After starting a family in 1986, Marita found herself venturing into business. Her godfather, who owned a hog-raising business, offered to supply her with pork, a gesture that led her to start her crispy pata business. Marita recalls how the support from friends and neighbors ignited the fire within her. Their loyalty has stood the test of time. Even after moving to the province, some of them still visit her store whenever they are in Manila, never leaving without bringing home crispy pata as pasalubong. Determination built her daily routine. She'd wake up at 5:00 am to get ready, even when tired. For her, there was no room for rest; they had to earn money for a living.

Over time, their hard work began to pay off. Today, the business has expanded with an additional branch and now employs three workers, an achievement that Marita takes great pride in. Marita received support from CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) to boost her capital. The largest loan she received from the institution was PHP 200,000.00, which she used as revolving capital. After nearly four decades in the business, Marita looks back with a sense of fulfillment. Opening another branch is undoubtedly an achievement, but the most meaningful success for her was sending her two children to college. “Take the risk, even if it's not your planned path. One day, you'll thank yourself for having the courage to start,” she concluded, leaving an encouraging message to those held back by fear and doubt.



For we walk by faith, not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

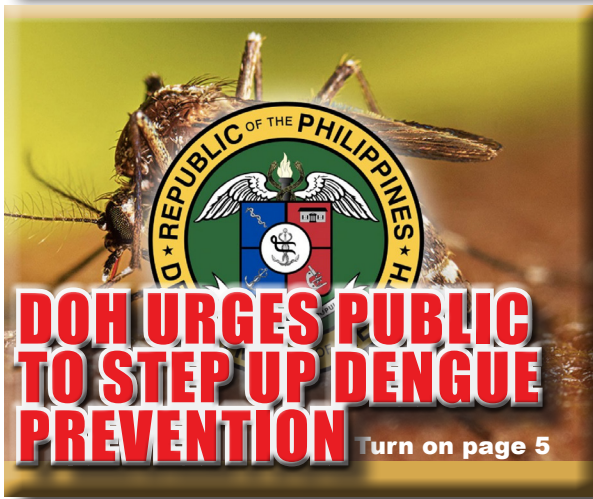
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Editorial: A Nation at a Crossroads—The 2025 Midterm Elections and the Fracturing of Power

The 2025 Philippine midterm elections have unveiled a political landscape marked by deepening divisions and shifting allegiances. The results not only reflect the electorate's sentiments but also signal potential realignments in the nation's governance and political future.

Marcos Administration Faces Setbacks

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.'s administration encountered significant challenges in the Senate races. Of the 12 contested seats, only six were secured by candidates aligned with Marcos, with some, like Camille Villar, also receiving endorsements from rival factions. This outcome suggests a waning influence of the president's coalition and raises questions about the administration's ability to advance its legislative agenda in the remaining years of its term.

Duterte's Dynastic Resilience

Contrastingly, the Duterte political clan demonstrated remarkable resilience. Former President Rodrigo Duterte, despite being detained at the International Criminal Court on charges related to his controversial anti-drug campaign, was re-elected as mayor of Davao City. His daughter, Vice President Sara Duterte, facing an impending Senate impeachment trial, saw her allies secure key Senate positions, potentially bolstering her defense and political standing.

Implications for National Unity and Governance

The election results underscore a nation grappling with political polarization. The fractured relationship between the Marcos and Duterte factions, once united in the 2022 elec-

tions, now threatens to impede cohesive governance. President Marcos has expressed openness to reconciling with the Dutertes, emphasizing the need for political stability. However, the path to unity remains uncertain amid ongoing power struggles and legal battles.

Looking Ahead

As the country navigates the aftermath of these elections, the imperative for inclusive and transparent governance becomes paramount. The electorate's message is clear: a desire for accountability, effective leadership, and a departure from entrenched political rivalries. The coming months will test the nation's democratic institutions and the leaders' commitment to serving the public interest above partisan considerations.

-Ang Kabitenya

DOST...

ALFONSO, Cavite (PIA) — The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Calabarzon, spearheaded the 2025 Regional Scientific Meetings (RSMs) for Luzon, with the aim of bringing science closer to the people. With the theme "Bioscience Innovations: Transforming Enterprise Ecosystems for Wealth Creation", the two-day RSM held in Alfonso, Cavite, from May 20 to 21, underscored the roles of NAST and DOST in promoting bioscience innovations to address community needs, foster resilience, and drive sustainable economic development. In his video message, DOST Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr. emphasized that this year's theme aligns with the department's four strategic priorities: promoting human well-being, fostering wealth creation, reinforcing wealth protection, and institutionalizing sustainability. "These are the guiding pillars of our programs and initiatives, ensuring that no com-

munities are left behind. Luzon, for one, has witnessed numerous challenges—land conversion, reforestation, water shortages, and increasing vulnerability to climate change impacts—yet it is home to communities that thrive despite adversities. This resilience provides a fertile ground for bioscience to flourish," Solidum stated. The annual scientific meeting serves as a platform for knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and networking among experts, scientists, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders. Discussions focused on bioscience innovations, particularly in community-based livelihood, sustainable resource management, conservation, and education and workforce development. NAST-Philippines President Jaime Montoya, emphasized that the meeting is an opportunity for various experts to address relevant and timely regional concerns, and to present science, technology, and innovation-based (STI) solutions and recommendations. "This meeting is not just

about generating knowledge, but about ensuring that this knowledge directly addresses real-world problems and holistically benefits all sectors. Let us use this opportunity to forge meaningful collaborations, inspire action, and develop science-informed, culturally attuned interventions that empower communities and drive sustainable development," Montoya said. As an attached agency of the DOST, NAST-PHL is mandated to advise the Office of the President and the Cabinet on matters and policies concerning science and technology.

Through the RSM and the power of science, technology, and innovation, various programs, projects, and initiatives emerging from the grassroots level are being recognized nationally. These efforts aim to benefit more people, contribute to poverty alleviation, and harness the vast potential of bioscience innovations to create wealth and improve the lives of the Filipino people. (CO/PIA-4A)

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DA-ATI CALABARZON, NMIS Launch 30th Basic Meat Inspection Course



Trece Martires City, Cavite — In a bid to bolster food safety systems and prepare the next generation of meat inspectors, the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON, in partnership with the DA-National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) RTOC IV-A, officially opened the 30th Basic Meat Inspection Course (BMIC) on May 26.

Held at the DA-ATI CALABARZON training center, the program welcomed 20 participants from across the region who will undergo nearly a month of rigorous instruction and hands-on training. The course, which runs until June 20, includes on-site exposure in various slaughterhouses throughout CALABARZON.

DA-ATI CALABARZON Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas led the opening ceremony, where he encouraged participants to approach the training with dedication and a commitment to public service.

In his message, Dr. Maningas underscored the crucial role meat inspectors play in ensuring public health and food safety. "Your work directly impacts the health of Filipino families," he said, urging the trainees not only to master technical skills but also to uphold integrity, professionalism, and excellence in their future roles.

The BMIC is part of the agency's continuing efforts to develop competent and ethical food safety professionals who will help uphold standards in the meat industry across the region. /PR



CvSU-CEMDS and DTI Cavite Hold Exploratory Meeting



On May 21, 2025, the Cavite State University - College of Economics, Management and Development Studies (CvSU-CEMDS) Extension Services met with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Cavite for an exploratory meeting held at the DTI Provincial Office.

The meeting was attended by Atty. Luis Llarena, Dr. Danikka Cubillo, and Ms. Paulene Serrano from CvSU, while DTI Cavite was represented by OIC-Provincial Director Lilibeth Chavez and the Business Development Division team led by DC Rebecca Tarasana.

Two major initiatives were discussed: Project CONNECT (Creating Opportunities for Networking and Economic Ties), which aims to close development gaps by equipping ARBOs, CvSU-AT-BI incubatees, and MSMEs with entrepreneurial knowledge, resources, and support systems; and CEMDS MSP 2.0, which focuses on empowering communities by building capacity, fostering collaboration, and supporting entrepreneurs, LGUs, vulnerable groups, and the community as a whole. /PR

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DOST-Cavite Joins the Site Visit and Courtesy Call to LGU-Carmona with STU Partners on iStart Program



DOST-Cavite, along with DOST CALABARZON staff, officials from UPLB - Department of Community and Environmental Resource Planning (DCERP), and partners from the Institute of Management of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU), conducted a site visit and courtesy call to the municipal mayor of local government unit of Carmona, Cavite, Hon. Dahlia A. Loyola on May 22, 2025. The activity was conducted to benchmark the Carmona City's implementation of smart city development and sustainable urbanization for the purpose of knowledge sharing and explore areas for collaboration.

The regional focal of the Innovation, Science, and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-based Development (iSTART) Program of DOST CALABARZON, Mr. Patrick Isaiah O. Abarra, served as the resource speaker for the introduction of the said program. iSTART program aims to bridge economic and technological disparities while fostering innovation, science, and technology-driven growth in the municipalities and provinces in the country. Moreover, Mr. Angelo Macha, ICT Department Head of LGU-Carmona, presented the PPAs, and initiatives of the municipality implemented for a sustainable smart city development.

The team also visited the Carmona Operations Center and the 21st Century Learning Environment Model (21st CLEM) in Angelo Loyola National High School. /PR



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PHILHEALTH

In a significant step towards ensuring the health and well-being of public school students, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the Department of Education (DepEd) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on May 8, 2025 at the Department of Education head office in Pasig City. The partnership aligns with the mandate of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.'s over-all accessibility of government services to learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel in academic institutions.

Under the agreement, DepEd will adopt mechanisms necessary for PhilHealth registration, transforming schools into health-pro-

moting learning environments and school clinics into efficient providers of primary care. By making sure that all enrolled learners are properly registered with PhilHealth, affordable and quality health services will become more accessible to children. Moreover, PhilHealth commits to facilitate the registration of not only the learners but also their families to a Consulta Package Provider for them to access primary care services.

"The future this landmark partnership offers is one with healthier children that will transition to adults with better health-seeking behavior," said PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado. This strategic shift towards preventive

care for students also aims to improve overall learning and productivity with lesser absences and lower medical costs for children with chronic conditions.

DepEd Secretary Juan Edgardo M. Angara expressed the agency's support for the initiative, "This is what we envisioned when we passed the Universal Health Care. Importante ay may tiwala ang tao na makakakuha sila ng serbisyo."

This partnership aligns with the government's broader goals of achieving Universal Health Care. In ensuring we provide quality health-care for our children, we set the stage for improving the health and well-being of all Filipinos. /PR

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SM Group Job Fair on May 29 at SM City Dasmariñas

Looking for your next big move? SM Supermalls, together with SM Retail, invites jobseekers to the SM Group Job Fair happening this May 29, 2025 (Thursday) at the Main Event Center, SM City Dasmariñas.



A job searcher engages with recruiters at the May 1 SM Labor Day Job Fair at the SMX Convention Center Manila, seeking new career prospects.

Whether you're into fashion, food, banking, retail, or anything in between—there's something for everyone. This special job fair gathers powerhouse brands from the SM Group across retail, logistics, real estate, banking, and more—making it a true one-stop shop for career opportunities.



The SM Group Job Fair brings a wide range of career opportunities to jobseekers.

What to Expect: Fast-Track Hiring with On-the-Spot Offers. Jobseekers can apply for over two dozen positions, including:

- Sales Associates, Store Crew, Cashiers, Merchandisers, and Personal Shoppers
- Clerks, Warehouse Staff, Human Resources Assistants, Marketing Officers, and Accounting Clerks
- Supervisory roles in Facilities, Sales, and Customer Service
- Specialized roles in Pharmacy, Customer Relations, and more



A bustling Labor Day job fair organized by SM fills SM City Davao, connecting numerous applicants with potential employers.

Recruiters will be conducting on-the-spot interviews with the possibility of same-day hiring. Key government agencies such as Social Security System, Pag-IBIG, and PhilHealth will also be present to process or update employment requirements—making the job application process faster, easier, and more convenient.

This event is made possible through collaboration with SM Supermalls, SM Retail, Private Sector Advisory Council Jobs, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Employers Confederation of the Philippines, and Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. —all united in helping Filipino jobseekers find meaningful employment.

Participating companies include:

Our Home, SM Appliance Center, SM Home, Ace Hardware, Watsons, Alfamart, SM Store, SM Hypermarket, SM Supermarket, Savemore, Waltermart, Surplus, Stationery, Toy Kingdom, Pet Express, BDO Network Bank, Chinabank, National University, Goldilocks, and more.

Hired on the spot: Real stories, real success



Jerramae Perrera proudly displays her new status after being hired on the spot at the SM job fair.

“Organisado po siya, mabilis ang processing. Maraming nag-aassist. Komportable dito, masaya.” – Ladylyn Montaez, Hired as Merchandiser, Waltermart

“Maraming salamat po sa SM, sa Department of Labor and Employment at sa government po sa pagbibigay ng opportunity sa aming mga nangangailangan ng trabaho. Malaking bagay po ito.” – Asmayer Abdullah, Hired as Service Crew, The French Baker

More job fairs this June: Independence meets opportunity

Can't make it to SM City Dasmariñas on May 29? SM Supermalls has a full lineup of Job Fairs this June, including the Kalayaan Job Fairs on June 12 across 27 SM malls nationwide, in celebration of Philippine Independence Day.

Your next big break starts here

Whether you're a fresh graduate, a seasoned pro looking for new challenges, or a returning Overseas Filipino Worker seeking a fresh start—SM Job Fair is where jobs meet purpose. Just bring your resume, valid IDs, and pen—and be ready to meet your future employer. Follow SM Supermalls on Facebook or visit www.smsupermalls.com for full updates.



Together for Our Oceans: June 7 Coastal Cleanup

In celebration of World Oceans Day 2025, SM Cares, the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls, will once again mobilize thousands of volunteers across the country for its annual Coastal Cleanup Drive, set for June 7, 2025. This year's theme, “WONDER: Sustaining What Sustains Us,” serves as a powerful reminder of the oceans' role in supporting life—and our shared responsibility to protect them.



Students actively participate in coastal cleanup drive, reinforcing their role as environmental stewards and contributing to the preservation of marine ecosystems.

Held simultaneously in multiple coastal locations nationwide, the initiative is organized in partnership with local government units, environmental organizations, NGOs, community groups, SM employees, security and janitorial personnel, and affiliates. It is part of SM's broader environmental commitment through the #SM-WasteFreeFuture campaign, which also includes year-round plastic waste reduction efforts, recycling markets, and e-waste disposal drives.



Students from NU Nazareth School take action for a cleaner coastline during coastal cleanup drive at SM by the Bay.

In addition to the weekly cleanups already taking place at SM by the Bay, the World Oceans Day event marks one of three major coastal cleanups planned by SM Cares for 2025.

“As part of our commitment to the environment, we believe in community action to protect our oceans and waterways. Ultimately, we want to raise overall awareness on marine pollution, contribute to preserving biodiversity, and help in inspiring responsible waste management practices among Filipinos. The World Oceans Day Coastal Cleanup is more than just a one-day event—it's part of our ongoing pledge to build a better, cleaner world,” said Engr. Liza Silerio, SM Cares Program Director for the Environment.



Employees carry sacks of collected waste during a coastal cleanup activity, underscoring their active role in advancing environmental protection through the company's coastal cleanup initiative.

CAYETANO...

In time for Labor Day, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Wednesday raised the idea of creating a national labor commission that would bring together Congress, the Executive, and labor stakeholders to pursue long-term, data-driven reforms to improve the lives of Filipino workers. Speaking to reporters at the Senate on April 30, 2025, Cayetano emphasized the need for a comprehensive, multisectoral approach to labor reform, citing the “endless debate” around wage hikes and the persistent disconnect between minimum wage rates and the actual cost of living. “Ano ang pinag-uusapan natin perennially tuwing Labor Day? Napupunta parati sa ‘minimum wage.’ Actually, kung titingnan mo ang Constitution, ang pinag-uusapan ay ‘living wage,’” he said. Cayetano said the inspiration for his proposed labor commission or “LabCom” came from the successful

model of the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM), which brought together government officials and private sector experts to tackle long-standing issues in education. “Kung lab (love) natin ang Pilipinas, kung lab (love) natin ang ating laborers, kung gusto natin ang mga OFWs na hindi na kailangan mag-broad, we have to have a labor commission,” he said, playing on the words “love” and “lab.” Unlike a purely congressional body like EDCOM, Cayetano proposed a legislative-executive Labor Commission composed of lawmakers from both chambers, Cabinet members from labor-related agencies, and representatives of big business, Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), and labor groups. The senator pointed out that current mechanisms such as the tripartite wage boards have failed to deliver meaningful change,

CAVITE...

Trece Martires City, Cavite — In a concerted effort to boost local agriculture and promote sustainable livelihood, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully held a two-day Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibits cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo 2025 on May 15–16 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) Compound in Trece Martires City.

With the theme “Masiglang Negosyo at Maunlad na Kalakalan, Susi sa Pagkamit ng Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita,” the event showcased the province's agricultural bounty and aimed to empower farmers, fisherfolk, and small agri-entrepreneurs.

The fair began with a Eucharistic mass led by Rev. Fr. Ross Layugan, held in celebration of Saint Isidore the Laborer, patron saint of farmers.

Engr. Anna Pamela Nova-Cruz, Officer-in-Charge of the OPA,

officially welcomed participants, emphasizing the vital role of agriculture in ensuring food security and community development.

The event brought together key representatives from partner agencies, including:

Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian

Dr. Nellie Ilas, PAFC Chairperson

Ms. Lilibeth Chavez, OIC-Provincial Director of DTI-Cavite

Ms. Marivic Martinez, Director II of DOLE

Mr. Jaypee Patricio, ATI

Ms. Marren Bautista, DILG-Cavite

Ms. Lorena Jimeno, APCO-Cavite

Ms. Antonette Ariole, representative of Board Member Paolo Crisostomo

despite decades of deliberations. “Thirty years na ako sa politika. Nagkaroon ba ng tunay na living wage? Hindi... The real issue — the living wage — we've never gotten to it,” he said. He added that the proposed commission would not replace existing wage-setting mechanisms but would complement them by providing consensus-driven and evidence-based recommendations to address wage disparities, worker protections, and the broader cost of living. Cayetano said he intends to file the bill after final consultations with other senators. He revealed that Senator Pia Cayetano already expressed support for the initiative. “Ang maliit na contribution namin ni Senator Pia, at tulong ko kay SP (Senate President Francis ‘Chiz’ Escudero) sa administration niya this Labor Day, is to push for this commission,” he added. ###

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These stakeholders pledged continued support for local agricultural efforts and acknowledged the importance of collaborative governance in uplifting the farming sector.

The event concluded with a message from Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, who praised the dedication of Cavite's farmers: “Binabati ko ang mga magsasaka na patuloy na lumalaban para itaguyod at maibigay ang masusustansya at murang pagkain para sa ating mga kababayan,” he said.

Agri booths filled the venue, offering fresh produce and local goods. The event not only strengthened marketing opportunities but also encouraged stronger ties among the agricultural community and stakeholders, paving the way for a more productive and resilient agri-sector in Cavite. /PR

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CAVITE...

In line with Presidential Proclamation No. 818, declaring May as Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) proudly honored its top-performing offices and frontliners for their exceptional commitment to fast, transparent, and people-first public service on May 19, 2025 at the Function Hall of the New Provincial Capitol Building in Trece Martires City.

Carrying the theme “From Red Tape to Red Carpet: Better Business Movement in a Bagong Pilipinas,” this year's celebration is a testament to the dedication of individuals and departments who continuously transform challenges into innovative solutions and bureaucratic processes into efficient services.

Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino personally led the recognition ceremony right after the PGC flag-raising ceremony. In her message, the Governor extended her heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees, expressing her delight that many employees have been recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication. She also emphasized that the core of public service lies in a unified mission — that is to serve for the betterment of fellow Caviteños and the province.

Leading the roster of recognized offices is the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV) with an impressive

2,584 commendations, a reflection of their unwavering dedication to animal welfare and public health. The Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office (PICTO) followed with 257 commendations, highlighting their crucial role in advancing digital governance and transparency.

The Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) ranked third with 230 commendations, a nod to their continued efforts in steering impactful governance. Completing the Top 5 are Kawit Kalayaan Hospital, which garnered 70 commendations, and two offices tied in fifth place—Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OP-PDC) and Doña Olivia Salamanca Memorial Hospital, each earned 15 commendations.

On the other hand, this year's most commended frontliners have demonstrated exemplary service and compassion, inspiring their peers across the provincial government. At the top of the list is Dr. Kristine Roraldo from the OPV with a remarkable 1,145 commendations, followed by Dr. Gladys Credo with 973 commendations, and Dr. Gerry Romen with 357 commendations, all of whom play critical roles in animal and public health services.

From PICTO, Mr. Frederick Sayoc and Ms. Maria Isidra Bergunder received 88 and 87 commendations, respectively, for their outstanding

ing service in ensuring seamless digital solutions, while Ms. Diwani Durano (30 commendations) and Ms. Maria Arianna Camille Dela Cruz (29 commendations) were likewise recognized for their dedicated support.

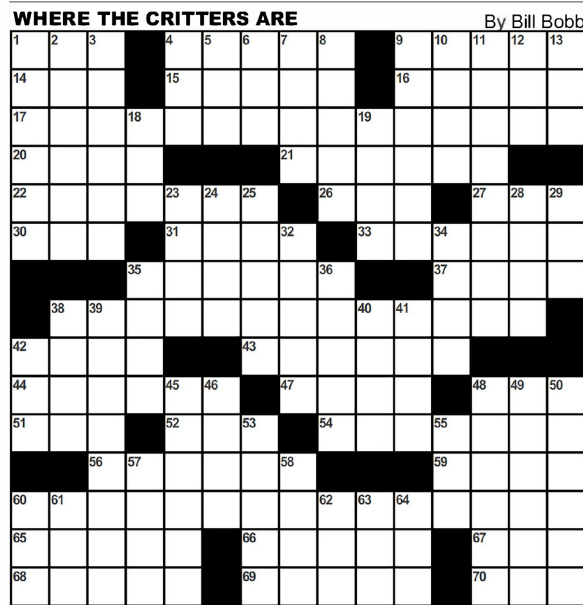
From OPG, Ms. Tricia May Lorio, Ms. Rachel Mae Morancil and Ms. Mary Joy Alano earned 48, 47 and 27 commendations, respectively, for their consistent delivery of responsive public service.

Awardees were identified based on the Client Satisfaction Survey Report for the year 2024 derived through the Client Feedback Mechanism of the PGC which covers 38 offices. Under the mechanism, the Customer Satisfaction Survey Form serves as a survey tool to appraise the services received by clients while Customer Commendation Form evaluates the personnel who rendered the service by providing specific commendation. The feedback mechanism not only caters to commendation but also facilitates complaints, should there be any dissatisfaction emanating from the clients during their transaction in any office of the provincial government.

The recognition ceremony highlights the provincial government's ongoing mission to institutionalize ease of doing business, improve frontline services, and build a Bagong Pilipinas that prioritizes the welfare of every Caviteño. --- OPIO



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- 1) Karim of the Khans, for one
- 4) City on the Mis-souri
- 9) Folklore heavies
- 14) Wager
- 15) Twofold
- 16) Nigerian currency
- 17) Crazy, proverbially (with "has")
- 20) Toledo's lake
- 21) Having no feet
- 22) Knuckle under
- 26) Embrace
- 27) Finale
- 30) Health resort
- 31) Fodder holder
- 33) First- (novice jailbird)
- 35) Show-off scholar
- 37) Plural suffix with "auction" or "musket"
- 38) Sure thing, it's said
- 42) Dalai_
- 43) Syndicate
- 44) "Delicious!"
- 4 7) Composes
- 48) Ozone layer pol-lutant, for short
- 51) Tokyo, formerly
- 52) Beaver's work
- 54) Toast
- 56) Registers, as a complaint
- 59) "What's gotten_ you?"
- 60) Backstabber
- 65) Flower-petal oil
- 66) Attack on a fort, e.g.
- 67) It's spotted in casinos
- 68) Cheese byproducts
- 69) Firebug's doing
- 70) "Go on ..."
- 1) Mother superior
- 2) Get ready for action
- 3) Infamous prison
- 4) _-Wan Kenobi
- 5) Time div.
- 6) Kitchen pest
- 7) "Funny_ or funny strange?"
- 8) Beth's preceder
- 9) Antsy
- 10) Apple variety
- 11) Sharpshooters
- 12) "To_ is human ..."
- 13) Utter
- 18) "Hold on a_!"
- 19) Boxing match
- 23) Brought into play
- 24) Calf-length skirt
- 25) Mont or Mel
- 28) Uncool sort
- 29) Members of the AMA
- 32) Ready to serve, as beer
- 34) Authentic
- 35) Beseech
- 36) Hurled
- 38) Data-speed unit
- 39) Kill in a sacrifice
- 40) Sicilian peak
- 41) BP alternative
- 42) Soapmaker's need
- 45) Milk containers
- 46) O. Henry's "The Gift of the_"
- 48) The Great White North
- 49) Has a sense of be-longing
- 50) Barred to entry
- 53) Bright group
- 55) "Dear" one
- 57) Approve
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BACOR'S BANDA EL GOBERNADOR TO REPRESENT PHILIPPINES IN NEW YORK CITY, USA



Bacoor City, May 25, 2025 – Banda El Gobernador, a renowned marching band from Bacoor City, paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Strike B. Revilla today. The visit, organized by Mr. Edwin Guinto of the Bacoor City Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and Atty. Edith Napalan of the City Finance Department, was to express gratitude for the city government's support. Maestro Jesse S. San Miguel led the band members in thanking Mayor Strike for the LGU's full support as they prepare for a significant event.

Banda El Gobernador has been invited to represent the Philippines as the "Marching Band of the Philippines" at the 127th Philippine Independence Anniversary Commemoration in New York City on June 1, 2025. They will be performing on Madison Avenue between 38th and 27th Streets. Mayor Strike B. Revilla confirmed his attendance at the New York City event, highlighting the City Government of Bacoor's commitment to supporting the band's international representation. The performance promises to be a vibrant celebration of Philippine independence. /PR

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING PH CUP RACE WEEK-END 2 THRILLS VILLAR CITY



Villar City, May 24, 2025 – The Toyota Gazoo Racing PH Cup Race Weekend 2 roared into action today in Villar City, delivering a weekend of high-octane excitement. Organized by the TMP Group, the event attracted a large crowd of other guests, participants, and racing enthusiasts, creating a vibrant



atmosphere. The opening ceremony welcomed several distinguished guests, including Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Senator Mark Villar, Dr. David Go (Vice Chairman, TMP), Mr. Carlo Ablaza (President, Lexus Manila), Ms. Ma Cristina Arevalo (President, TMPH), Dennis Escuro (Senior VP, Compt Div, TMP), and Mr. Jeffrey Matsuo (Vice President, TMP). The event was sanctioned by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) and supported by Petron, GT Radial, Seiko, Prospex, Turson Racing School, Toyota Financial Services, my Toyota wallet, Kinto One, AVT, 3M, Crystalline, DENSO, Rota, and PIAA. The two-day event boasts street racing, drag racing, driving exhibitions, a car club meet, and musical performances, culminating in a free afternoon concert. The Toyota Gazoo Racing PH Cup Race Weekend 2 promises an unforgettable spectacle for motorsport enthusiasts and the broader community. /PR

Last week's solution:



DOH...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Health (DOH) in Calabarzon is urging residents to intensify preventive measures against dengue as the rainy season approaches. Emphasizing the 4S strategy against dengue, DOH Calabarzon stressed that community participation is vital in preventing outbreaks. "With the rainy season approaching, the risk of dengue transmission remains high. Community participation is key to

preventing outbreaks," DOH Calabarzon said in a statement. The agency urged residents to follow the 4S strategy: Search and destroy mosquito-breeding sites, Secure self-protection measures, Seek early consultation, and Support fogging/spraying only in hotspot areas. DOH Calabarzon also reiterated its commitment to working closely with local government units, schools, workplaces, and households to sustain dengue prevention efforts.

The public is likewise encouraged to stay informed and actively engage in community-wide initiatives to help protect their families and neighbors. In Cavite, health officials continue to call on residents to take preventive actions, including eliminating mosquito breeding sites and seeking early medical attention for symptoms, as the province sees a surge in dengue cases. According to the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the Provincial Health

Office, there has been a sharp rise in dengue cases across the province from January 1 to May 10, 2025. A total of 5,168 cases have been recorded—a 376% increase compared to just 1,085 cases during the same period last year. Seventeen deaths have been confirmed as a result of the outbreak. The City of Bacoor has reported the highest number of cases with 718, or 14% of the total, followed by Dasmariñas City with 667 cases, and General Trias City with 619. (PB/RBF/PIA4A)

MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA'S FREE MASS BAPTISM BLESSES ALMOST 200 BACOR CHILDREN



Bacoor City, May 27, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, successfully conducted its annual "Libreng Binyag" program this morning at the Iglesia Filipina Independente (IFI) Cathedral of St. Michael The Archangel in Digman. A total of 189 children, nearing the 200 mark, received the sacrament of baptism, a testament to the LGU's commitment to providing essential religious services to its constituents. The event was organized by the Office of the City Civil Registry (CCR), headed by Ms. Ma. Theresa Cameros, and involved the dedicated work of CCR staff. The mass baptism was a joyous occasion, attended

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NOTICE

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JHOMEL R. ANTONIO

Notice is hereby given that the estate and personal property of the late **JHOMEL R. ANTONIO**, who died intestate on February 23, 2018 at University of Perpetual Help Dalta Medical Center and with residence at Bacoor City, Cavite at the time of his death; without leaving any Last Will and Testament, the decedent left conjugal properties as follows: a certain land situated in the Brgy. Rioeng, Laoag City, covered by the **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37634 containing an area of SIXTY-EIGHT (68) SQUARE METERS**; a certain land situated in the Brgy. Rioeng, Laoag City covered by the **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37635 containing an area of TWO HUNDRED TWO (202) SQUARE METERS**; a certain land situated in the Brgy. Rioeng, Laoag City covered by the **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-37636 containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE (281) SQUARE METERS**; a certain land situated in the Brgy. Rioeng, (Vira-San Mateo) Laoag City covered by the **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-39829 containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS**; a parcel of agricultural land, situated at Olo Cacamosan, Mangatarem, Pangasinan, covered by the **(Original Certificate of Title) Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2016000926 and (Patent Number) PATENTE BLG. 0155271561011** of the "Talaan ng Kasulatan" ng lalawigan ng Pangasinan, and registered in the name of ANA MARIE T. ANTONIO married to JHOMEL R. ANTONIO, containing an area of **THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE (3,493) SQUARE METERS**; a certain House & Lot, Family Home, situated at Blk-6 Lot 4 Amethyst St., Brgy. Mabolo 3, Bacoor City, Cavite covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2014018280** and registered in the name of Owner; SPS. JHOMEL R. ANTONIO and ANA MARIE T. ANTONIO; a **TOYOTA YARIS 1.5S AT Vehicle: with ENGINE No. 2NR5186769, CHASSIS No. MR2K23F3XH1105763, and PLATE No. DAC 3496**; and all has been Extra-Judicially settled, adjudicated by his legal heirs and notarized on May 6, 2025 at Bacoor City, Cavite before Notary Public, Atty. CONSTANCIO DC VELASCO, PTR No. 2777030, under Doc No. 425, Page No. 085, Book No. XIII, Series of 2025.

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