

# A SMALL BUSINESS, A BIG DREAM



Rexel proudly displays his freshly made puto, a beloved Filipino steamed rice cake, in front of his humble store.

Just as the clock struck 1:00 am, while the rest of the world was fast asleep, Rexel Madalag and his wife were already wide awake, busy in the kitchen, diligently preparing a batch of fluffy steamed rice cakes (puto) that they sell before the sun rises. Rexel, a resident of Bacolod City, is a father of 11 children, which is a reason enough for him and his wife to work extra hard to make ends meet. He once worked for a well-known soft drinks company for six years but lost his job due to the advancement of technology. He also took jobs as a hospital janitor and cinema operator before starting a small business to support their growing family.

The humble beginnings of their venture Initially, he started by selling fruits in the neighborhood. A friend later taught him how to make bibingka, which he turned into a small business. Eventually, a church livelihood program trained him to make puto, adding to their growing venture. The couple started selling the delicacies with just the two of them, but soon some of their neighbors offered to become resellers, which they gladly accepted. As a result, they gained 10 active resellers supporting their business. More people have expressed their interest in reselling their products. Still, Rexel politely declined, having experienced that accepting more orders than he could handle was too much for his physical health. “My resellers can easily find another supplier, but it won’t be easy for my body to recover if I get sick, and for me, maintaining good health is still the most important thing,” he said. In a single day, they can produce up to 1,000 pieces of puto and bibingka. If their resellers are unable to sell everything, he goes out and sells them door-to-door. Like many small businesses, theirs has ups and downs. There are times when their sales are enough and days when they fall short, but that is the reality of business. With seven kids still at school, Rexel stays motivated. Education means a great deal to him, so that even at the age of 51, he still dreams of completing his studies.

“I, myself, did not finish my studies, and as much as I can, I do not want my children to face the same struggle I did. It is hard to find a good job without an education, and even harder to raise a family that way,” Rexel shares his realization in life. Aside from the hard work and perseverance, he also borrows money from CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI) to help cover the cost of raw materials needed in making puto and bibingka. He became a client of the institution in 2024. Over the years, Rexel’s hard work has truly paid off. He managed to sustain their business, send his children to school, gradually build their house, and even start a small store, a true testament to what perseverance can achieve. Today, Rexel is not only selling puto and bibingka; he is building a better life. With unwavering faith and support from CARD MRI Rizal Bank, his story is living proof that success doesn’t require riches, only resilience. /PR

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Imus City, Cavite – August 6–7, 2025 — Young inventors from Imus brought pride to the Philippines after winning medals and special awards at the International Exhibition for Young Inventors (IEYI) 2025 held in Osaka, Japan. Students from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo National High School (GEANHS) bagged a gold medal and the Japanese Institute of Invention and Innovation Special Award for their project “HelioDisk: A Portable Heat Detection System.” Meanwhile, learners from Gen. Flaviano Yengko Senior High School earned a bronze medal and the Samurai AI Rated “A” Invention Award for their creation “Smart Auto Dissemination System Mosquito Larvae Vector Control Powered by RaspberryPi and YOLOv8 Computer Visual Integration.” Another team from GEANHS also received the Taiwan Special Award and the Vietnam Excellent Invention Award for their innovation “STAR: Sun Tracking Automatic Rotator.” /PR

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## STRENGTHENING PEACE AND ORDER THROUGH MODERNIZATION: CAVITE PNP ROLLS OUT NEW PATROL CARS AND MOTORCYCLES

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## GENTRI...

CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS (PIA) — The General Trias Component City Police Station is visiting schools across the city to educate students on the dangers of drug use through its newly launched Project R.E.A.D.Y. (Resistance Education Against Drugs for the Youth) program.

According to Police Master Sgt. Ressie Hernandez, who is leading the education drive, the initiative forms part of the Philippine National Police's (PNP) broader campaign to build a drug-free and safer future for Filipino youth.

"Project R.E.A.D.Y. emphasizes that small, everyday actions, such as saying no to peer pressure or encouraging a friend to make better choices, can make a big difference. It's about building a generation that stands united against drugs, grounded in values, and guided by resilience," Hernandez

explained.

Along with lectures, Hernandez said they also provide real-life insights on the harmful effects of drugs and other risky behaviors among young people.

"Through powerful stories and practical advice, students learn that being ready goes beyond simply avoiding drugs. It's about being aware, making smart decisions, and actively looking out for their peers, families, and communities," the police officer added.

The General Trias Component City Police Station targets to cover all schools in the city to ensure that every student is equipped with the knowledge and values to resist negative influences and make responsible choices.

Beyond the school-based initiative, the police are also strengthening their community

engagement by visiting barangays to conduct crime prevention lectures and gather suggestions from residents on ways to further enhance peace and order.

"Barangays, being the primary partners of the police force, play a crucial role in maintaining peace and order at the grassroots level," the General Trias Component City Police Station stated.

The station further emphasized that active participation and strong coordination between the PNP and barangay officials are vital to effectively addressing crime and public safety concerns.

It also expressed full support for future joint activities such as community outreach programs, information campaigns, and intensified anti-criminality operations. (RBE, PIA Cavite)

## STRENGTH...

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite—The New Provincial Capitol became a stage of hope and progress as rows of brand-new patrol cars and motorcycles shone under the sun. The Cavite Police Provincial Office, headed by PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director, received 29 units of Toyota Innova patrol cars and 30 units of Yamaha NMAX motorcycles as part of the Provincial Government of Cavite's strong support to the PNP's anti-criminality operations and modernization program held at the New Provincial Capitol, Barangay San Agustin, Trece Martires City, Cavite. The initiative, spear-

headed by Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla reflects the provincial government's commitment to ensure that Cavite police remain fully equipped and ready to serve. Vice Governor Hon. Ram Revilla Bautista also graced the activity alongside chiefs of police, force commanders, logistics officers, and other distinguished guests.

After the ceremonial turnover, the patrol cars will be distributed to 23 city and municipal police stations across the province, enabling a stronger, faster, and more efficient police response.

"This is part of the CPNP's core pillar of accountability and mod-

ernization. Since we are blessed with these resources, it is our duty to maintain, safeguard, and use them properly for the safety, peace, and order of Cavite," said PCOL Red in his message.

Beyond the numbers, each vehicle symbolizes a deeper commitment that every Caviteño deserves swift assistance, safer communities, and peace of mind knowing their police are always ready to respond. These wheels are not just for mobility; they are instruments of trust, guardians of order, and everyday reminders that the Cavite police stand firmly beside the people they serve. /PR

## DTI...

Bay, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), in partnership with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) of Bay, conducted a financial literacy seminar for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) at the Bay Municipal Police Station on August 8, 2025.

The activity aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge on money management, saving, and basic entrepreneurship—skills that will help them make informed financial decisions and prepare for life after detention. The seminar opened with a warm and inspiring message from MSWDO Officer Ms. Jocelyn Reyes, who emphasized the importance of the "Sabon ng Pag-asa" Livelihood

Program in providing PDLs not only with income opportunities but also with practical life skills. She expressed her gratitude to DTI-Laguna for the partnership and encouraged participants to engage actively, reminding them that financial knowledge is a key tool in building a better future.

The session was led by Ms. Avegail Agojo, Senior Business Counselor at Negosyo Center Bay, who delivered clear and practical lessons on budgeting, saving, and responsible spending. The training was interactive, with participants asking questions and sharing their experiences.

The seminar forms part of the Municipality of Bay's "Sabon ng Pag-asa" Livelihood Program, which provides PDLs with pro-

ductive activities and income-generating skills while serving their sentences. Initially focused on soap-making as a livelihood activity, the program now incorporates financial literacy to teach participants how to manage their earnings, budget wisely, and grow small businesses.

At the end of the seminar, participants completed feedback forms to share insights, suggestions, and impressions, which will help organizers improve future training sessions. This initiative reflects DTI-Laguna's ongoing commitment to inclusive economic development, ensuring that even those behind bars are given a fighting chance to learn, earn, and rebuild their lives. /PR

## LGU Baras, and DOST Empower Young Entrepreneurs Through K-Negosyo 2.0: Kabataang Entrepreneur 2.0



Baras, Rizal – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rizal, through Negosyo Center Baras, in partnership with the Local Government of Baras and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Rizal, successfully conducted the K-Negosyo: Kabataang Entrepreneur 2.0 Training and Seminar on Branding and Packaging Skills for Youth Merchants last August 18, 2025.

The training focused on helping young business owners in Baras strengthen their branding and improve product packaging to make their enterprises more market-ready.

Two speakers shared valuable insights during the program. Ms. Rachel Leones, Co-owner of Creativly Studio, delivered an engaging talk on branding and packaging strategies, emphasizing the importance of storytelling, creativity, and building strong brand identities that connect with customers. She encouraged participants to embrace innovation and utilize branding as a tool to differentiate their products.

On the other hand, Mr. R-Jay Salabao from DOST Rizal discussed the technical aspects of branding and packaging, including design elements, materials, and product presentation. His talk highlighted how science and practical innovation can enhance product quality and market competitiveness.

The program opened with Councilor Bien Garrovillas, who assured the continued support of the LGU in guiding the youth toward successful entrepreneurship.

Through this initiative, DTI Rizal, LGU Baras, and DOST Rizal reaffirm their shared mission of empowering young entrepreneurs with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to grow their businesses and contribute to the local economy. /PR



## DENR CALABARZON, Patuloy ang Pag-pupugay sa Kultura at Pagkakaisa ngayong Buwan ng ASEAN at Wikang Pambansa



#BuwanngASEAN #BuwanngWika | Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagpapalalim ng kamalayan sa pagkakaisa at pagkakaibigan ng mga bansang kasapi sa Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ginugunita ng Kagawaran ng Kapaligiran at Likas na Yaman (DENR) Rehiyon ng CALABARZON ang Buwan ng ASEAN sa pamamagitan ng pagsuot ng mga kasuotang hango sa kultura at tradisyon ng iba't ibang bansa ng ASEAN at pag-awit ng ASEAN hymn na "The ASEAN Way" tuwing araw ng Lunes sa seremonya ng pagtaas ng watawat ng Pilipinas.

Ito ay alinsunod sa Proklamasyon Blg. 282, s. 2017 na nagdeklara sa buwan ng Agosto bilang "ASEAN Month." Ang selebrasyon ngayong taon ay may temang "Inclusivity and Sustainability" (Pagsasama-sama at Pagpapanatili), na layuning itaguyod ang pagkakapantay-pantay, pagkakaisa, at pang-matagalang kaunlaran sa rehiyon.

Kasabay nito, bilang pakikiisa rin sa Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa na ipinagdiriwang sa ilalim ng Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, s. 1997, ginagamit ang wikang Filipino sa pagbigkas ng DENR Vision, Mission, at Quality Policy tuwing Monday Convocation. Layunin nitong higit pang palaganapin ang pambansang wika bilang kasangkapan sa epektibong komunikasyon at pagbubuklod sa hanay ng mga kawani ng DENR. /PR

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Volunteers and social good partners provide care for persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm in Puerto Princesa.



Philippine Navy personnel, their families, and nearby residents receive medical services during the mission at Naval Station Central Visayas.

## MAYOR STRIKE LEADS SURPRISE INSPECTION OF WIRE CLEANUP ALONG BACOR-DAS-MARIÑAS ROAD



Bacoor City, Cavite – August 27, 2025 —Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla conducted a surprise inspection on Wednesday of the ongoing wire cleanup operations along Bacoor-Dasmariñas Road, underscoring the city government's push for safety and order in public spaces.

The initiative, earlier mandated by the Mayor, aims to clear "spaghetti wires," remove dead cables, trim branches obstructing power lines, and eliminate debris that could pose risks to motorists and residents. The project also covers the relocation of improperly positioned Meralco posts and transformers that may obstruct roadways or endanger the public.

Currently, cleanup efforts are concentrated in Barangay Molino 2, with plans to extend the operation to other sections of the Bacoor-Dasmariñas Road.

Mayor Revilla emphasized that the project reflects the city's continuing commitment to public safety and environmental improvement. He urged workers to carry out the operations efficiently while strictly observing safety standards.

"This is not only about orderliness," the Mayor said during the inspection, "but about ensuring that our roads and communities remain safe for both residents and commuters." /PR



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## SUSTAINABILITY, INCLUSIVITY KEY DRIVERS TO NATIONAL PROGRESS – DOST CHIEF



**ANTIPOLO CITY, Rizal (PIA)** – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) stressed that sustainability and inclusivity efforts should complement with science, technology, and innovation (STI) programs to provide effective, science-based solutions to the country’s challenges.

In his statement during the 2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in CALABARZON, themed, “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities”, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr. emphasized that sustainability and inclusivity are crucial to driving national progress.

“We [also] believe that a community can be smart, using technology, data, and innovation but not sustainable. That’s not the future we want. On the other hand, a community can be sustainable, environmentally conscious and resilient, but not smart. And that means it might miss out on tools that could improve lives faster. We need both.”

Solidum adds: “We are not just building high-tech hubs, we’re helping create inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking communities for every Filipino.”

He emphasized that building a smart city is not just about how fast technology works, but ensuring that the local government and their stakeholders are better equipped to address the evolving needs of their communities, from urban centers to rural barangays to ensure that no one is left behind.

“A truly smart city is defined by how well it listens and responds to its people. Sustainability begins with small, meaningful actions, like a child learning to grow food in a recycled bottle. And the future of technology is something we shape together, locally, inclusively, and with compassion,” Solidum stated.

While other cities and municipalities in the country have been guided with roadmaps to transform into a smart and sustainable communities, Solidum reiterated that every municipality, including rural communities has vast potential and deserves equal opportunities for innovation and support to bridge the digital divide.

In Calabarzon region, cities of Santa Rosa, Carmona, Lipa, Lucena, and the town of Taytay have

developed their respective smart city roadmaps aligned with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, in partnership with several government agencies in the Philippines.

Concurrently, Santa Rosa City pursues international certification, making it potentially the first certified smart city in Southeast Asia.

The Science department secretary also reminded the public that a community is only smart if no one is left behind, as he believes that progress is only real if people, not just systems, thrive. (CO/PIA-4A)

## MEMBERS MAY AVAIL UP TO PHP 20,000 WORTH OF OUTPATIENT MEDICINES UNDER PHILHEALTH GAMOT



PhilHealth announces the nationwide launch of the enhanced PhilHealth Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (PhilHealth GAMOT), a comprehensive outpatient drug benefit package that covers essential medicines. PhilHealth GAMOT is a key part of the PhilHealth YAKAP Program, which President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. announced in his recent State of the Nation Address, underscoring this Administration’s vision of a healthier Philippines. PhilHealth GAMOT includes 75 types of free medicines with an annual benefit limit of Php 20,000 per beneficiary. These medications are common treatments for a wide range of conditions, such as infections (anti-microbial), asthma and COPD, diabetes, high cholesterol (dyslipidemia), high blood pressure and heart conditions (cardiology), and nervous system disorders, along with other supportive therapies. To avail of the PhilHealth GAMOT, members should be registered in their PhilHealth YAKAP Clinic of choice. Following a thorough medical assessment, their primary care doctor will then issue a prescription containing a Unique Prescription Security Code (UPSC), as necessary. The beneficiary can then proceed to any GAMOT Facility and show the prescription and present any government-issued ID Card.

Currently, the accredited GAMOT Facilities are:

- Vidacure with branches in Muntinlupa City and Quezon City
- Pharma Gen Ventures Corp (Generika Drug-store) with branches in Parañaque City, Navotas City, Quezon City and Taguig City
- CGD Medical Depot Inc. at Vertis North
- Chinese General Hospital

PhilHealth is actively expanding its network by en-

gaging more partners to increase access for beneficiaries. In NCR, two other facilities have submitted their letter of intent to join the program. PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado reaffirmed the agency’s commitment to provide access to a comprehensive set of cost-effective and quality health services. “Noong 2023, nailunsad na natin ang PhilHealth GAMOT ngunit ito ay naisagawa lamang sa iilang probinsya. Kaya naman ngayon mas pinalawak na natin ito. Karapatan ng bawat Filipino na magkaroon ng access sa mga kinakailangang gamot nang hindi pinapasan ang mabigat na gastusin mula sa sariling bulsa,” Dr. Mercado stated.

PhilHealth is also reminding all its members to keep their records updated to ensure seamless transactions when availing of benefits. /PR

## SM Foundation drives medical missions to more communities



In Dumaguete City, beneficiaries line up at the SM Foundation mobile clinic to receive free X-rays and ECG services.

SM Foundation is continuing its long-running effort to bring healthcare services to communities with limited healthcare access. Its Medical Mission program began in 2001 and has since conducted more than 1,700 medical missions, reaching over 1.3 million patients across the country. Carried out with the help of various social good partners, the initiative has adapted over time to address the needs of its beneficiaries. A mobile clinic has been supporting the missions, equipped with X-ray and ECG machines, as well as blood and urine analyzers for on-site diagnosis and treatment. In recent weeks, the foundation has brought its services to multiple locations. These included SM City Puerto Princesa Brgy. Salvacion and Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm in Puerto Princesa, Dumaguete City, and Valencia in Negros Oriental, San Remio, Bogo, and Naval Station Central Visayas in Cebu. Over a thousand patients in the said areas received consultations, diagnostic services, and basic medical care. SM Foundation is set to conduct more medical missions in the coming months. These activities will run alongside its Wellness Center program, which involves the re-vamp and rehabilitation of health centers and hospitals to improve healthcare delivery. /PR



Dr. Bless Bertos, Senior Project Manager for SM Foundation’s Health and Medical Programs, examines a patient from San Remigio, Cebu to determine the appropriate care, medicines and vitamins to prescribe.

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — A total of 350 healthcare providers across the Calabarzon region are now offering free outpatient medical services under the government’s YAKAP ng Pamahalaan (Yaman ng Kalusugan) program.

Formerly known as Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (Konsulta), YAKAP expands the scope of accessible health services, covering medicines, checkups, and basic laboratory tests.

Accredited YAKAP healthcare providers in the region include 78 in Cavite, 94 in Laguna, 55 in Batangas, 52 in Rizal, and 66 in Quezon province.

According to Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), the revitalized program underscores the government’s commitment to safeguarding every Filipino’s health and well-being, in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s vision of a healthier nation under Bagong Pilipinas.

The initiative shifts the focus from treatment to prevention, aiming to bring essential healthcare closer to communities.

Under YAKAP, Filipinos now have access to 75 essential medicines, more than triple the previous 21, through partner pharmacies. This expanded list is covered by a maximum benefit limit of 20,000 per patient annually.

The program also increases coverage for laboratory services from 15 to 20 tests and introduces high value and specialty screenings

for colorectal, lung, liver, and breast cancers to promote early detection.

PhilHealth clarified that members may avail of these cancer screening tests at no cost in select hospitals, provided they present a doctor’s order from an accredited primary care provider.

Jasmin Taasan, a resident of Calamba City, Laguna, described the new program as a great help, stressing that through YAKAP she does not need to worry whenever she needs doctor consultations and laboratory check-ups.

“Maraming salamat po sa PhilHealth at sa ating government sa pagpapalawak ng mga benepisyo pagdating sa pag-access sa mga angkop na serbisyong medikal at pangkalusugan. Malaking tulong po ito sa mga mahihirap na mamamayan natin na may sakit, makakapag pakonsulta sila ng libre at laboratoty tests para malaman kung ano tlga ang sakit nila.” she shared.

To make enrollment easier, registration for the primary care packages will soon be available through the eGov PH app, ensuring more convenient access to services. (FC, PIA4A)



Public affairs program Cayetano in Action with Boy Abunda (CIA with BA) scored consecutive victories at the Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC) Star Awards for Television, winning both the 37th and 38th editions of the annual event.

The 37th awards, originally for 2023, were delayed due to the pandemic and other concerns. They were finally held on August 24, 2025, months after the 38th PMPC Awards took place last March.

Despite the unusual schedule, CIA with BA was named Best Public Affairs Program in both editions. Its hosts—Senator Alan Peter Cayetano, Senator Pia Cayetano, and Boy Abunda—were also recognized as Best Public Affairs Program Hosts.

The show’s recognition came shortly after its premiere in 2023. Now on its 11th season, CIA with BA continues the legacy of the Cayetano siblings’ late father, Senator Rene Cayetano, whose program Compañero y Compañera guided Filipinos on legal concerns in the 1990s and early 2000s.

In a Facebook Live, Sen-

ator Alan thanked viewers for their support.

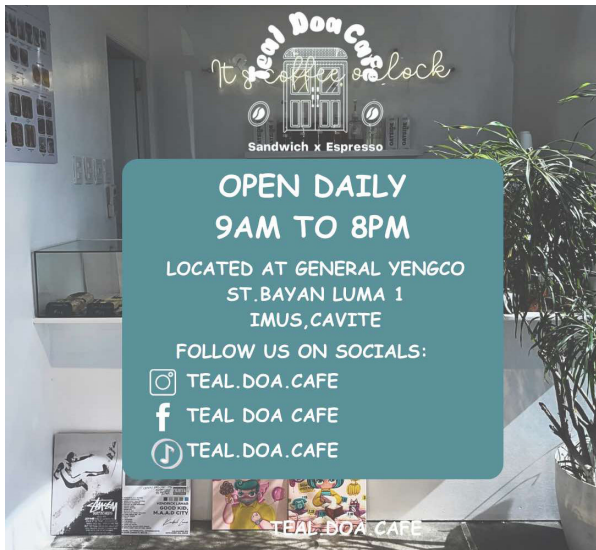
“We try to keep things entertaining, but more importantly, we make sure the show really helps people solve their problems. That’s what matters most,” he said.

“Thank you po for supporting Cayetano in Action with Boy Abunda. I hope nakakatulong [ang programa.] And remember, we have to learn together,” he added.

In his acceptance speech at the 37th Star Awards, Boy Abunda also thanked the viewers and reflected on the value of the show.

“Pumupunta po ako sa mga tapings, handa para matuto. And I realized that doing this show has made me a student for the rest of my life. Ang dami-dami po ang natututunan... It’s the excitement about doing something uncertain. Going into that space that you’re not sure of. That continues to excite all of us,” Abunda said.

Cayetano in Action with Boy Abunda airs every Sunday at 11:00 P.M. on GMA 7. Episodes are also available on GMA’s official YouTube channel.### /PR



**LUNGOSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)** – Nakatakdang sampahan ng kaso ni Batangas 1st District Rep. Leandro Leviste ang isang opisyal ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) dahil sa umano’y tangkang panunuhol upang matigil ang pag-iimbistiga sa mga flood control projects sa unang distrito ng Batangas.

Ayon sa statement ni Leviste, magsasampa siya ng kaso laban kay DPWH District Engineer Abelardo Calalo sa tanggapan ng Batangas Provincial Prosecutor sa Martes, Agosto 26.

“Hindi natin dapat pahintulutan ang korapsyon sa DPWH. Dapat nating igiit ang mga proyektong may mas mataas na kalidad at mas mababang halaga, at obligahin ang mga contractor na agad ayusin ang anumang pagkukulang ng mga proyekto nang walang karagdagang gastos mula sa gobyerno. Higit pa sa kasong ito, isusulong natin ang mas malawakang reporma upang tugunan ang mga suliraning nakaugat sa sistema ng DPWH,” pahayag ni Leviste sa kanyang Facebook page.

Sa inisyal na imbestigasyon ng Taal PNP, nakatanggap sila ng tawag mula kay Leviste ukol sa pag-alok sa kanya ng suhol na nagkakahalaga ng P3,126,900.00 mula kay Calalo.

Ang naturang bribe money diumano ay upang pigilan ang sinimulang imbestigasyon ng tanggapan ni Leviste ukol sa mga anomalya sa flood control projects sa Unang Distrito ng lalawigan.

“Ang alegasyon na sangkot ang isang district engineer sa Batangas ay isang seryosong usapin at pinagtutuhan ng

matinding pansin ng ahensya,” ayon sa DPWH.

Binigyang-diin sa naturang pahayag na hindi kinukunsinti ng DPWH ang anumang maling gawi na ginawa ng kanilang mga empleyado.

Suportado din nila ang isinasagawang imbestigasyon at patuloy na nananatiling maging transparent at isinusulong ang pagkakaroon ng integridad sa serbisyo.

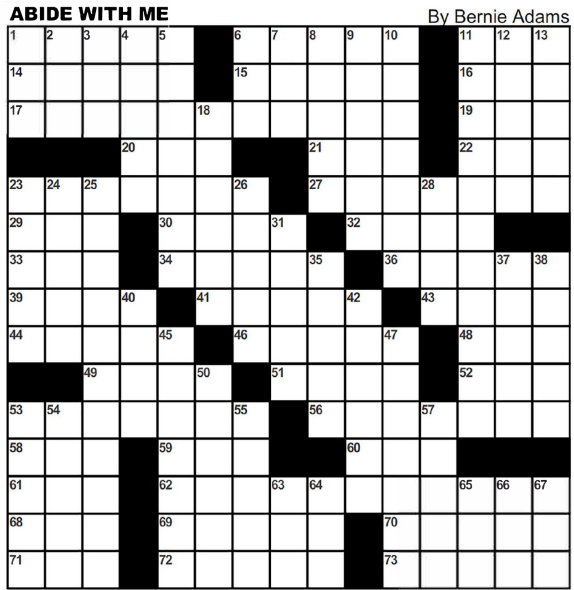
Huli sa isinagawang entrapment operation ng Taal Philippine National Police si Calalo noong Agosto 22.

Ang operasyon ay isinagawa sa Brgy. Poblacion Zone 12 sa bayan ng Taal dahil sa paglabag sa Republic Act 3019 o Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

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Nakumpiska ang evidence money mula sa opisyal na kasalukuyang nakapiit sa Taal Municipal Police Station. (MPDC-PIA Batangas)



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29) Blotter letters  
30) " \_ in a Manger"  
32) The break of day  
33) Relative of 6-Across  
34) Former Nigerian capital  
36) Video-game acquisitions  
39) " \_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)  
41) They join oxen  
43) Hawaiian tuber  
44) Oozes through cracks  
46) Certain canonical hours  
48) Beau for a lass  
49) Barefaced  
51) Bound  
52) "What was \_ think?"  
53) Clever escape  
56) Celeb status  
58) Tumbler's protection  
59) School org.  
60) Memphis-to-Boston flight path  
61) Former Giant Mel  
62) You may be on it for quite a while  
68) Despite the fact that, briefly  
69) Lace tip  
70) Weighed down  
71) The bard's bedtime?  
72) Affirmative answers  
73) Dead-on
- 1) Major broadcaster  
2) It's often left hanging  
3) Scandinavian rug  
4) Easy two points  
5) Officially accused  
6) \_ Vicente, Brazil  
7) Not feeling well  
8) Twilight, poetically  
9) Like some spaceships  
10) Kind of chest pain  
11) Not expire  
12) Belief  
13) An inert gas  
18) Like some streets  
23) Bill with big bucks  
24) Tsar's proclamation  
25) Remote feature  
26) Palms yielding starch  
28) Dimwit  
31) Bumpkin  
35) Famous battle participants  
37) A Muse  
38) City evacuated by Lot  
40) Poetic saga  
42) New York island  
45) Boatyard feature  
47) Bit of glitter  
50) Mental decline  
53) Chew the scenery  
54) Bat-making machine  
55) Manicurist's hand-ful?  
57) "Chill!"  
63) Athletic supporter?  
64) That thing's  
65) "Princess\_" (Gilbert and Sullivan operetta)  
66) "Hold on a \_!"  
67) Big bang maker

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### BAKOOD FESTIVAL JOB FAIR

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Don't miss out on this chance! Mark your calendars and get ready for a successful job hunt!  
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The Public Employment Service Office Bacoor and the Bacoor Local Youth Development Office are thrilled to announce a grand Local and Overseas Job Fair on September 11, 2025, Thursday from 8AM onwards!

Join us at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium of the City Government of Bacoor to open doors to exciting career opportunities. We have a wide range of job openings from top local and international companies waiting for you. This is your chance to land the job you've always dreamed of!

This special event is made possible by the unwavering support and leadership of our outstanding officials: our beloved Mayor, Hon. Strike B. Revilla, our dedicated Congresswoman, Hon. Lani M. Revilla, and our hard-working Vice Mayor, Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola.

To make sure you don't miss out, please register your attendance in advance using this link:

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Mark your calendars and get ready to take the next step toward a brighter future. See you all there! /PR

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### Bacoor Officials Join DILG Leadership Course in Tagaytay

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Tagaytay City, August 19, 2025 — Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, and members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Bacoor are taking part in the second day of the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) "Transformative Leadership for Elevated Governance" refresher course for re-elected officials.

The three-day program, held at Hotel Casiana Event Center in Tagaytay City, aims to strengthen leadership skills, promote ethical governance, and foster stronger collaboration between local and national government agencies. It also encourages innovation, accountability, and the adoption of development strategies that can improve public service delivery.

Mayor Revilla emphasized the importance of the training, noting its direct impact on Bacoor's governance. "This course is providing us with essential insights and tools to further improve our governance and better serve the people of Bacoor. We are dedicated to putting the knowledge and best practices we are learning into action to improve our community and create a brighter future for all Bacooreños," he said.

The initiative reflects the DILG's continuing efforts to empower local government units in their pursuit of excellence. The active participation of Bacoor officials underscores their commitment to continuous growth and to delivering better services to their constituents. /PR

Last week's solution:

ROOM TO GROW

By Carla Azure

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### PGC Brings Health Outreach Program to Silang Residents

Silang, Cavite — August 15, 2025 — Nearly 300 residents of Barangay Hukay in Silang benefited from a free medical and dental mission organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) through the Office of the Provincial Governor in partnership with the Provincial Health Office.

A total of 299 individuals availed of services such as medical check-ups, dental consultations and extractions, electrocardiograms (ECGs), and X-rays. Free prescribed and maintenance medicines were also distributed to ensure continued support for the community's healthcare needs.

The medical mission was carried out by the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital team and the OPG medical mission group, with assistance from Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) who helped ensure the smooth facilitation of services.

The initiative was also supported by 5th District Board Members Aidel Paul Belamide and Ivey Jayne Reyes, together with Punong Barangay Jonie Roy Ramos, who reaffirmed their commitment to improving the health and well-being of Silang residents.

The outreach program forms part of PGC's ongoing efforts to expand healthcare access to communities across Cavite, particularly in underserved barangays. /PR

### PGC Brings Medical and Dental Mission to Dasmariñas Community

Dasmariñas City, Cavite — August 14, 2025 — More than 400 residents of Barangay St. Peter II received free healthcare services during a medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) through the Office of the Provincial Governor, in partnership with the Provincial Health Office.

A total of 419 beneficiaries availed themselves of medical consultations, dental services, X-rays, ECG tests, as well as free prescribed medicines and vitamins.

The outreach was supported by the City Federation of Senior Citizens of Dasmariñas and the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) of St. Peter II, who assisted in facilitating the smooth and organized delivery of services to the community.

The initiative highlights the provincial government's ongoing efforts to bring essential healthcare directly to Caviteños, ensuring that residents in local communities have better access to quality medical support. /PR

### 115 Imuseño Athletes Receive Cash Incentives from City Government

Imus City, Cavite — August 19, 2025 — A total of 115 young athletes from Imus were recognized by the local government during the Dunong at Lakas Awarding Ceremony held on Tuesday at the New Imus City Government Center Function Hall.

The athletes, who excelled in various sports and academic competitions, received certificates and cash incentives from the City Government of Imus as a token of recognition for their achievements. Among those honored were athletes in softball, football, table tennis, swimming, gymnastics, tennis, chess, taekwondo, sepak takraw, juvenile dancesport, and athletics, as well as campus journalists.

City of Imus Sports Development Unit Officer-in-Charge Jericho Reyes, together with Atty. Tricia Barzaga representing Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula, congratulated the awardees and lauded their hard work and determination.

One of the honorees, national athlete Jonnelyn Halasan, expressed her gratitude to the city government and her coaches for their unwavering support. Halasan, who has competed in the Palarong Pambansa for two consecutive years, brought home one silver and two gold medals. She also showcased her skills in the UAAP Season 87 (2024), where she clinched a gold medal in the Triple Jump and a silver in the Long Jump.

The Dunong at Lakas recognition is an annual tradition of the Imus LGU to honor young Imuseños who excel in both academics and sports, reinforcing the city's commitment to nurturing talent and inspiring future champions. /PR

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Bilang pagkilala, tatanggap siya ng karagdagang puhunan upang higit pang mapaunlad ang kaniyang inisyatiba.

Ang tagumpay na ito ay nagsisilbing inspirasyon sa lahat ng kabataang Pilipinong magsasaka—patunay na sa pamamagitan ng sipag, talino, at inobasyon, patuloy na mabubuhay ang pag-asa para sa mas makabagong agrikultura.

Layunin ng patimpalak na palakasin ang aktuwal na paggamit ng kasanayan at karamasan na natamo ng mga interns sa loob ng 11 buwan. /PR

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