

CARD RBI OPENS ITS 39TH BRANCH IN ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



Leading the way to financial inclusion, CARD RBI opens its 39th branch in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte.

CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI), a microfinance oriented-rural bank under CARD MRI opened its 39th branch in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte on January 20, 2025.

“This event marks more than just the opening of a new branch; it signifies the opening of new doors to opportunities that will better serve communities, especially those facing social and economic challenges, as well as MSMEs. We aim to provide financial and non-financial products and services,” said CARD RBI President and CEO Ms. Lyneth Derequito.

According to the 2020 LGU Households Survey, Sindangan has a total household population of 26,068, with an average household size of 4.3. CARD RBI Sindangan Branch is now ready to meet the banking needs of the local communities, particularly the microentrepreneurs.

Sindangan is known for its thriving agribusiness sector, which includes fish and seaweed processing. These industries play a vital role in the economy of Zamboanga del Norte, a province recognized for its diverse agribusiness activities, such as coconut oil milling, wood processing, and rubber production. “We are committed to reaching more communities and MSMEs through branch expansion. Our goal is to offer essential services and implement community-based development programs to address the various needs of the people,” Chairman of the Board Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito said.

The Bank CARD RBI caters to various financial needs of its clients as it offers a wide range of banking products and services such as micro and SME loans, savings, and remittance services to ensure that all socioeconomically challenged families in the country have access to affordable and quality financial services. The opening ceremony was attended by CARD MRI Rizal Bank President and CEO Ms. Lyneth L. Derequito, CARD RBI Executive Vice President Ms. Juliana B. De Leon, together with Chairman of the Board Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito, CARD RBI

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Former President and Board Director Ms. Elma B. Valenzuela, Sindangan Mayor Hon. Rosendo “Dodoy” S. Labadlabad, Vice Mayor Hon. Nilo Boy Sy, and other CARD MRI officers and staff.

This new branch is part of CARD RBI’s mission to promote financial inclusion in the country. The new branch is located in Poblacion, Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte.

As of December 2024, CARD RBI has grown significantly with over P7.5 billion in assets and more than 330 offices nationwide, serving over 820,000 clients.

For more information about CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., visit its official website at www.cardmri.com/rbi/, and its Facebook page at [CMRBOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/CMRBOfficial).



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SM BOOK NOOK LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE BOOK DONATION DRIVE



With a big smile and a stack of stories, a young story seeker drops off her pre-loved books at the SM Book Nook—spreading the magic of reading one tale at a time.



SM Book Nook and the National Library of the Philippines formalize partnership for Book Donation Drive, joining forces to expand access to books and promote a culture of reading nationwide.

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, SM Supermalls, through its flagship literacy program SM Book Nook, is calling on communities nationwide to help spark the joy of reading by donating pre-loved books as part of the SM Book Nook Book Donation Drive, starting July 7, 2025 in all SM malls across the country.

Anchored on the theme “Under the Same Sky: Share the Magic of Stories,” this initiative encourages mallgoers, tenants, partners, and communities to donate quality books that will benefit children, families, and readers from all walks of life.

A portion of the books will be turned over to the National Library of the Philippines and its affiliate libraries, while others will support the expansion of SM Book Nook reading hubs to more SM malls and partner institutions nationwide.

“SM Book Nook was created to be more than a space—it’s a movement. With every book donated, we create ripples of knowledge, imagination, and inclusion. We believe that stories can bridge generations and uplift communities,” said Ms. Shereen T. Sy, pioneer of the SM Book Nook program under SM Cares.

The campaign aims to collect 40,000 books in line with SM’s 40th anniversary milestone. Each SM mall will serve as an official drop-off point, where specially designed donation boxes will be placed in strategic in-mall locations. Starting July 7, 2025, mall communities are invited to drop off pre-loved books in good condition—complete, clean, dry, and free from major damage.



A group of friends dives into their favorite reads at the SM Book Nook—where every page turns into a shared adventure.



Two young bookworms exchange smiles and stories at the SM Book Nook—proving that every book gets better when shared.

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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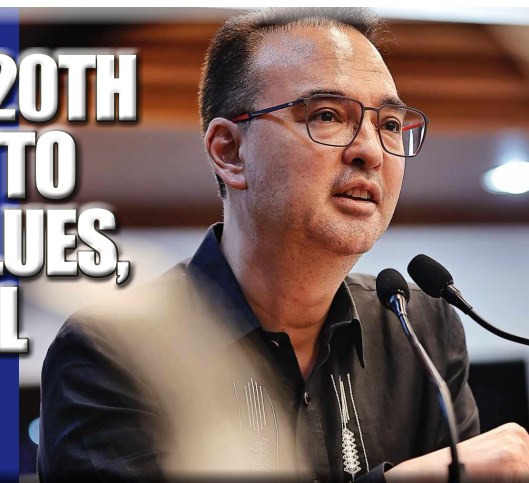


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Turning the Dream of P20 Rice Into Reality

When President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. first announced his vision of bringing down the price of rice to 20 per kilo, many Filipinos saw it as a bold and ambitious promise—perhaps even too good to be true. Yet behind that seemingly simple number lies a powerful message: that affordable food is a right, not a privilege, and that no Filipino family should go hungry because of soaring staple prices.

In recent months, the administration has taken concrete steps to move this vision forward, launching programs aimed at lowering production costs, supporting farmers, and reducing the influence of middlemen in the rice trade. Pilot implementations of the 20 per kilo rice—such as those through Kadiwa rolling stores and targeted subsidies—have already allowed some communities to experience this benefit firsthand. But while these are

commendable efforts, the road ahead remains steep. The reality is that the current cost of producing rice in the Philippines, coupled with inflation, global supply chain issues, and climate risks, makes the 20 per kilo goal a daunting challenge. Achieving it sustainably will require more than political will—it demands a comprehensive overhaul of the agricultural sector.

To reach this milestone, the government must ensure continuous support for our farmers through improved irrigation, affordable fertilizers, mechanization, and fair farmgate prices. At the same time, issues of smuggling, hoarding, and market manipulation must be addressed with firmness and transparency. Strengthening local cooperatives and investing in post-harvest facilities will also reduce losses and improve supply chain efficiency.

Equally important is educating the public on food

security and encouraging support for locally grown rice, helping foster national pride in our agricultural products.

The 20 rice dream is not just about numbers—it is about dignity, equality, and hope for millions of Filipinos. While skepticism is natural, it is also important to recognize that meaningful reform takes time, strategy, and the active participation of every stakeholder, from farmer to consumer.

If the government can remain true to its commitments—and if it invites collaboration rather than relying solely on top-down directives—then what was once a campaign slogan may indeed become a lasting legacy.

Let us hold our leaders accountable, not out of doubt, but out of shared aspiration—for a nation where no Filipino sleeps hungry, and every grain of rice tells a story of progress.

-ANG KABITENYA

PBBM...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday personally led the launch of the PHP20 per kg. rice initiative at the Zapote Public Market in Bacoor, Cavite, as part of his administration's push to make rice more affordable for low-income Filipino families.

The program, dubbed “Benteng Bigas, Meron (BBM) Na!”, is implemented through the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the National Food Authority (NFA), in coordination with other agencies handling food subsidy and social welfare programs.

The PHP20/kg. rice will be available to priority sectors, including senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), solo parents, and beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), through designated Kadiwa ng Pangulo outlets across Metro Manila, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, and Mimaropa.

DA Assistant Secretary Genevieve Guevarra said the initial response from the Bacoor residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

“So nakita naman natin, sobrang mainit ang

pagtanggap ng mga taga-Bacoor sa ating P20 na bigas (We’ve seen how warmly the people of Bacoor have welcomed the PHP20 rice),” Guevarra said.

Guevarra noted that the rice selling schedule may be adjusted based on local government requests.

“Although ang request ng LGU ay sana araw-araw, gusto rin natin i-balance dahil may mga regular na bigasan din dito (While the LGU requested a daily schedule, we also want to balance it since there are local rice retailers here who also need to earn),” she said.

In Bacoor City, 500 sacks of rice—procured by the NFA from local farmers—were delivered through the DA’s Kadiwa ng Pangulo outlet at the Zapote-Bacoor Public Market.

The rice allotment is enough to allow 2,500 residents to purchase 10 kg. each at a subsidized price of PHP20 per kg. The DA’s Food Terminal Inc. buys the rice from NFA and sells it through the Kadiwa ng Pangulo network and other P20 program participants.

The DA official added that the national government aims to make

the program regular starting this week, depending on supply and coordination with local governments.

As the program enters its first phase, Guevarra said Phase 2 will begin later this month, expanding to more areas in Calabarzon and other provinces surrounding Metro Manila.

She added that the rollout in selected LGUs in Visayas and Mindanao is also in the pipeline.

Guevarra said the DA is also considering widening the scope of beneficiaries.

In the long term, the government is also eyeing to involve small-scale rice farmers in the program.

A campaign promise of the President, the PHP20/kg. rice program is part of his broader agenda to address food inflation, stabilize prices, and strengthen agricultural value chains.

Data from the DA’s Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service show that between May 13 and June 30, more than 105,000 families in Luzon and the Visayas purchased over 804,000 kg. of rice under the program. (PNA)

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The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A (CALABARZON), in partnership with its Provincial Offices in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, is set to host the 12th Kalakal CALABARZON: Gawa at Galing ng CALABARZON with the theme “Produktong CALABARZON: Likha ng Sipag, Bunga ng Husay.” The event will take place at the Shangri-La Plaza Atrium in Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, from July 23 to 27, 2025.

First launched in 2014, Kalakal CALABARZON is an annual regional trade fair designed to provide a strategic marketing platform for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the region. This year, 38 MSMEs will showcase a curated selection of premium, locally made products through a mall-based selling event facilitated by strong public-private partnerships. These participating enterprises have benefited from key DTI initiatives under the SME Development Division—including One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Gen, Shared Service Facilities

(SSF), Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME), and the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). These programs have empowered MSMEs to elevate the quality, design, and packaging of their products, ranging from organic produce and eco-friendly goods to Halal-certified items, condiments, housewares, fashion accessories, wellness products, and processed food and beverages.

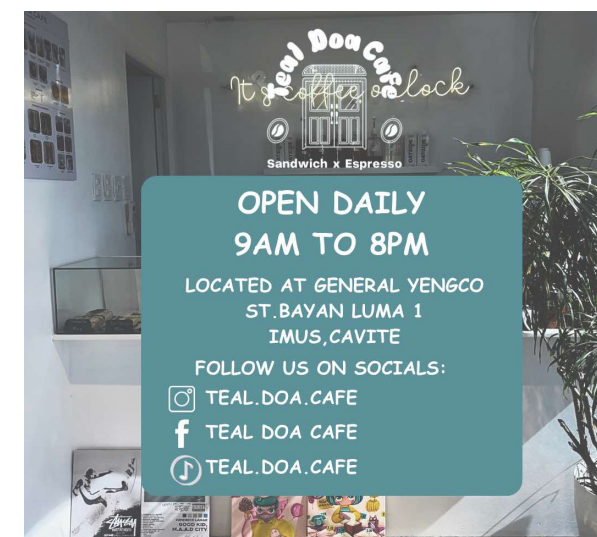
“Kalakal CALABARZON is more than a trade fair—it is a celebration of the region’s resilience, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit. Through this event, we aim to bridge our local MSMEs with wider markets and opportunities, while also fostering pride in homegrown products that reflect the best of CALABARZON craftsmanship,” said DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente.

The DTI 4-A invites the public to visit Kalakal CALABARZON and support local enterprises by discovering high-quality, proudly Filipino-made products rooted in tradition and innovation. /PR

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CAVITE SP...

Imus City, Cavite — July 1, 2025

The 12th Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Cavite officially opened its inaugural session on Monday, heralding a new chapter in provincial legislation centered on innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity.

Presided over by Vice Governor Ramon Vicente “Ram” Bautista, the session was graced by the presence of Governor Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla, 1st District Representative Jolo Revilla, all members of the Provincial Board, and department heads of the Provincial Government of Cavite.

During the session, key organizational matters were settled to ensure efficient legislative operations. Cavite 3rd District Board Member Arnel “Ony” Cantimban was elected Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, while 2nd District Board Member Alde Joselito Pagulayan assumed the role of Majority Floor Leader. Chairs for the various standing committees were also appointed to ensure focused and strategic governance across vital sectors.

Governor Remulla, in his message, expressed deep gratitude to the people of Cavite for their continued trust, emphasizing the importance of proactive leadership in

the face of today’s more complex challenges. He outlined priority areas under the new administration, including tourism, agriculture, youth and sports development, education, accessible healthcare, and infrastructure.

“Sa bawat bayan at lungsod...isa lang ang direksyon nating lahat, paangat at sama-sama,” Remulla declared, affirming a united vision for provincial advancement. Vice Governor Bautista, in his inaugural address, reinforced the administration’s commitment to responsive and participatory governance. He pledged that the new SP would be “sustainable, smart, and inclusive,” ensuring that every Caviteño—especially those from marginalized sectors—is given a voice in the legislative process. “Our Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall be more inclusive. Each and every Caviteño is represented in this Sanggunian. We shall prioritize the marginalized and voiceless. We are the Sanggunian that listens,” Bautista said. The opening session marks the beginning of a renewed effort toward transparent and people-centered governance in Cavite, anchored on shared values and forward-looking policies designed to meet the needs of its growing population. /PR

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AMIGA District Hospital Celebrates First Founding Anniversary



The AMIGA District Hospital proudly celebrated its 1st Founding Anniversary on July 1, 2025, with a day filled with gratitude, reflection, and unity. The celebration highlighted the hospital’s achievements and its unwavering commitment to delivering accessible and quality healthcare to the people of Cavite.

The event began with a solemn Thanksgiving Mass, followed by a vibrant motorcade that brought together hospital personnel, local government officials, and community stakeholders. This show of solidarity reflected the growing impact of AMIGA District Hospital since its establishment.

Joining the celebration were key officials from the AMIGA municipalities—Alfonso, Mendez, Indang, and Gen. Aguinaldo—including Amadeo Mayor Jose Domingo Jr., Mendez Vice Mayor Raygan Dimapilis, members of the local council, and Dr. Maria Victoria Salvatus-Torres, Officer-in-Charge of the Provincial Satellite Hospitals.

Beyond marking a significant milestone, the anniversary served as a moment of reaffirmation—renewing the hospital’s dedication to compassionate public service and community health.

As AMIGA District Hospital moves forward, it remains steadfast in its mission to be a pillar of medical care in the province. /PR



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SM WINS ASIA-PACIFIC'S MOST HONORED ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Clinches 42 Award Points at 2025 APAC Stevies

42 award points were amassed by the SM Group at the Asia Pacific Stevies , with SM Supermalls clinching 12 trophies and SM Retail and SM Foundation earning two each – propelling the group to win the coveted title of Most Honored Organization of the Year.



But beyond these awards, for SM Supermalls in particular, lies a compelling story for SM's partners: the power of innovation, community engagement, and operational excellence to fuel shared growth. The award-winning initiatives, such as the dynamic SM Art Market and SM Job Fairs, are not just events, but strategic tools that drive foot traffic, build deeper connections with consumers, and boost the visibility of partner brands.



Leading with the Gold recognition is the SM Art Market, winning the Award for Innovation in the Use of Events.

Equally noteworthy are SM Cares' initiatives, like the Book Nook and Energy Efficiency Journey, which highlight the company's holistic approach to sustainability and social responsibility—values increasingly important to modern consumers. By aligning with these initiatives, tenants and business partners can amplify their brand narratives around community involvement and environmental stewardship.

For retailers and service providers, these wins underscore SM Supermalls' proven ability to create high-impact, experiential environments that translate into tangible ROI. Whether it's co-hosting community festivals, integrating with corporate social responsibility programs, or leveraging SM Supermalls' digital reach, partners gain unparalleled access to engaged audiences and the credibility of a

multi-awarded platform.

Meanwhile, SM China's eight awards reflect the brand's global reach and adaptability—an assurance to partners that collaboration with SM Supermalls can unlock opportunities in diverse markets across Asia and beyond.



Representing SM Supermalls at the awards ceremony in Seoul, South Korea are (L-R): SM Cares Marketing Assistant Vice President Richard A. Caluyo, SM Supermalls Executive Vice President for Marketing Joaquin L. San Agustin, and Senior Assistant Vice President for North Luzon Marketing Jefferson S. Suarez.

These global recognitions are not merely awards—they are a testament to SM's relentless pursuit of excellence, innovation, and meaningful impact. From setting new standards in retail experiences and digital transformation to uplifting communities through purpose-driven campaigns, the SM brand continues to elevate the customer journey while fostering inclusive growth.

"For us, these awards aren't just accolades—they're a reflection of the dedication and passion of our entire team. At the heart of it all, our true mission is to enrich the lives of every customer, partner, and community we touch. That's what drives us forward," said Steven T. Tan, President of SM Supermalls.

As a retail leader with a heart for service and a vision that transcends borders, SM proves that the power of a brand lies in how it serves, uplifts, and inspires its communities. /PR

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Beyond donations, the campaign also highlights SM Cares' long-term vision to make every SM mall a hub for inclusive learning, community engagement, and shared hope—especially for young readers and future leaders.

This initiative supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.



A young boy brings tales to life as he reads to two curious little listeners at the SM Book Nook—creating moments of wonder and imagination through every page.

Visit. Drop Off. Share a Story.

Gather your pre-loved books and bring them to the SM mall nearest you. Through this collective effort, we aim to nurture a culture of learning, promote literacy, and inspire future generations—one story, one reader, and one community at a time.

To learn more about the SM Book Nook and its community programs, stay tuned and visit <https://linktr.ee/smbooknook> or follow @OfficialSMCares and @SMBookNook on social media.

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Book Donation Drive
Under the same sky, let's share the magic of stories!
DROP YOUR BOOKS AT SM CITY BACOR
AND Spread the joy of reading!

SM CITY BACOR

BACOR...

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Beneficiaries of the 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na' program in Bacoor City, Cavite have expressed their gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for his administration's efforts in fulfilling one of his campaign promises of making rice affordable for Filipinos.

A total of 2,500 beneficiaries from vulnerable sectors, including senior citizens, solo parents, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), lined up at the Kadiwa ng Pangulo outlet at the Zapote Public Market on Wednesday (July 2) to purchase the affordable rice.

One of the senior citizen beneficiaries, Rodolfo Barlis, thanked President Marcos Jr. for making the program possible and praised the government's efforts in helping poor families. "Before, I could only buy 3 kilos of regular rice at

P38 per kilo, but now I can buy 10 kilos for only P20 per kilo. The benteng bigas is a great help to us; this is a blessing for those of us living below the poverty line," Barlis said. "I can't thank the President enough for proving that he can implement benteng bigas successfully. This is a good initiative to reduce poverty here in Cavite," he added. A 78-year-old beneficiary from Barangay Zapote II, Bedelia Andalajao, shared how the initiative benefits her family.

"There are two of us in the family. Before, we bought P40-per-kilo rice from the market, but I'm grateful to line up here because I can save money. For 10 kilos, I only need to pay P200," Andalajao said.

"With this affordable rice, I have extra money to buy a dish and serve it at our table. This is really a great project of President Marcos," she added. Another beneficiary, Rosita Grado, 69, from Bacoor, expressed hope

that the government will sustain the initiative.

"This P20 rice project is good. I can buy 5 kilos for only P100. I hope President Marcos will continue this program. Affordable rice is very important to us. His administration is doing a great job," Grado said. The Department of Agriculture (DA) emphasized that 500 sacks of rice were prepared during the program and that residents can wait for further schedules to be announced by the city government of Bacoor. The agriculture department added that members of the vulnerable sector could soon purchase the affordable rice up to 30 kilos in a month. This initiative is part of the expansion of the "Benteng Bigas Meron Na" program, which is a fulfillment of the the Marcos Jr. administration's promise of a "Magaganang Bagong Pilipinas." (KA PIA4A)

BACOR CITY...

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) – In a significant boost to public health in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Calabarzon region deploys RxBox telehealth device that is transforming rural healthcare delivery. DOST Calabarzon Regional Director Emelita Bagsit said that the RxBox project is a vital step in bringing equitable healthcare services to far-flung communities that often struggle with a lack of access to diagnostic tools and medical professionals. "Many of Calabarzon's remote barangays do not have resident doctors or access to health equipment. With RxBox, we are empowering our barangay

health stations to provide basic yet critical diagnostic services and even connect patients with specialists through telemedicine," Bagsit explained. The RxBox is a portable diagnostic tool that allows remote monitoring of vital signs and other health parameters. It is designed to help healthcare professionals provide quality care even in rural areas where doctors and health equipment are limited. Each RxBox unit includes sensors that measure blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, temperature, and even performs electrocardiograms (ECG). The device also allows remote consultation between rural health workers and specialists in hospitals using a telemedicine

platform. In Quezon Province, several upland municipalities including General Nakar, Real, and Infanta have already benefited from the RxBox deployment. The project has not only enhanced diagnostics and consultations in rural areas but also fostered stronger collaboration between health professionals in the provinces and specialists in urban centers. Bagsit then emphasized that the project not only delivers equipment but also ensures the sustainability of the program through continuous training of local health workers "I personally witnessed this when I visited Polillo, where they actually use this RxBox on their rural health units, especially in emergency cases like

CAYETANO...

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano has refiled a bill to make values formation and etiquette training a permanent part of schools and government offices, saying core Filipino values must be preserved to protect the country's identity.

Filed on July 3, 2025, the proposed Filipino Identity in Values Act leads Cayetano's priority measures for the 20th Congress. He had previously filed a similar bill in the 19th Congress. In his explanatory note, Cayetano urged all sectors of society to be united in preserving the core values that "tells the world who we are" as a nation.

Among these values, he said, are faith in God, bayanihan, respect for the elderly, hospitality, and compassion.

"Every person's unique identity is shaped by the values we learned from our families, schools, churches, and communities," he emphasized. "As the nation pursues economic prosperity and modernization, our development must be anchored in our cherished core values," he added.

National program on values formation The bill proposes the creation of a Commission on Filipino Values, which will be tasked with developing a Program on National Values, Etiquette, and Moral Uprightness. It will be updated reg-

ularly through nationwide consultations, research, and inclusive deliberations.

The program will be integrated into the curriculum at all levels of education, including elementary, high school, college, and technical-vocational schools. Core topics will include patriotism, civic responsibility, critical thinking, human rights, moral decision-making, and both social and online etiquette.

The Commission will be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Education and composed of 11 members representatives from the Commission on Higher Education, Congress, and major religious groups. Going beyond the GMRC law

While values education is already part of the K to 12 curriculum through the GMRC and Values Education Act (RA 11476), Cayetano's bill seeks to enhance this.

Under the measure, the DepEd will use the national program developed by the Commission to inform and update the "content, pedagogy, and materials" used in Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education.

Ethics in government offices The measure also requires all government offices and GOCCs to

include values and etiquette modules in their employee orientations and training programs. Each government office, as well as each college and university, must designate at least one Values Officer to implement and monitor these efforts, and orient new hires.

Faith-based advisory council The bill also proposes the creation of an Inter-Faith Council, composed of leaders from different faith groups. The Council will advise the President and the Commission on moral, ethical, and spiritual matters related to the program.

"[This bill] serves as a response to the need for meaningful dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony, and cooperation among Filipinos," Cayetano said. In his over three decades of public service, Cayetano has been known for incorporating faith-based principles into his work, such as integrity, wisdom, and compassion.

He advocates for national transformation, which he believes can only happen if the country's culture is grounded in strong moral values. "We can talk about principles regardless of our religion. We can debate on opinions, but we cannot debate on principles," he said. /PR

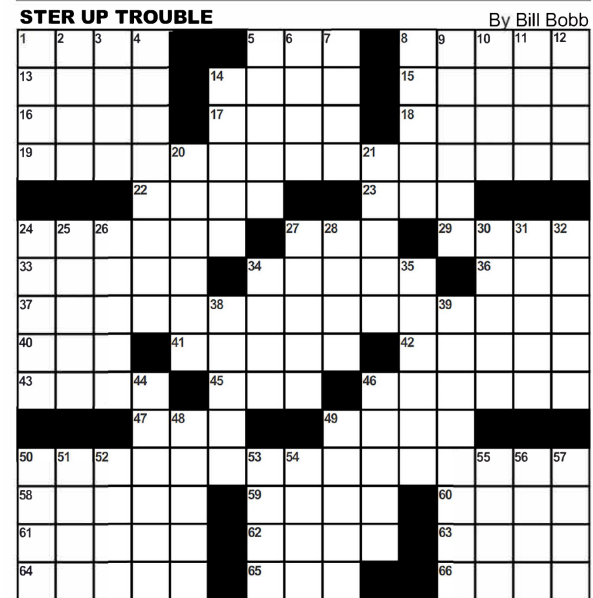
childbirth", Bagsit said.

She added: "This initiative is aligned with our goal to build resilient, science-based, and technology-driven health systems, especially in rural areas. It reflects the DOST's commitment to supporting the national government's Universal Health Care program."

Looking ahead, DOST Calabarzon is working to expand the distribution of RxBox units to more municipalities, with special focus on island barangays in Cavite and coastal communities in Quezon.

As the region continues to champion innovation in healthcare towards Bagong Pilipinas, the RxBox stands as a prime example of Filipino ingenuity and government commitment to inclusive, science-driven public service. (AM/PIA 4A)

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 - 12) Historic periods
 - 14) Fleet
 - 20) Small coin
 - 21) Encounter with the law
 - 24) Butcher’s scraps
 - 25) Lean on the horn
 - 26) Isn’t serious
 - 27) Wharton’s Frome
 - 28) Kind of surgery
 - 30) No longer a minor
 - 31) Shampoo bottle word
 - 32) Chest material
 - 34) Eyelid protuberance
 - 35) Back of the boat
 - 38) Mechanical being
 - 39) Eruption
 - 44) Emotional pang
 - 46) Alternative to a convertible
 - 48) Willow
 - 49) Border
 - 50) Holds up
 - 51) Send out
 - 52) Big blow
 - 53) Life of Riley
 - 54) Archaeological site
 - 55) Rub the wrong way
 - 56) Dove into third
 - 57) Shade-providing trees

PAGKAKALOOB NG FOOD CART PARA SA MGA RESIDENTE NG CIUDAD KAUNLARAN, PINANGUNAHAN NI MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA



Lungsod ng Bacoor, Hulyo 7, 2025 – Pinangunahan ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang awarding ceremony ng mga food cart sa Strike Gymnasium bilang bahagi ng Programang Pangkabuhayan ng City Government of Bacoor. Sa tulong ng Housing Urban Development & Resettlement Department (HUDRD) na pinamumunuan ni Atty. Aimee Torrefranga-Neri, namahagi ang lungsod ng 10 food cart, tig-isa para sa bawat building mula sa 10 gusali ng Ciudad Kaunlaran sa Barangay Molino 2. Ang mga food cart ay pangkalahatang gagamitin ng mga relocated families na naninirahan sa lugar. Dumalo rin sa programa ang mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panglungsod na pinamumunuan ni Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, kasama ang mga benepisyaryo na miyembro ng Ciudad Kaunlaran Homeowners Association sa pangunguna ni HOA President Kiel Nieves Mercado. Layunin ng programa na makatulong sa mga pamilya na magkaroon ng sariling pagkakakitaan at mapabuti ang kanilang kabuhayan sa pamamagitan ng mga food cart na ito. Inaasahan na ang mga food cart ay magiging malaking tulong sa mga relocated families upang magkaroon sila ng dagdag na pagkakakitaan at mas mapaunlad ang kanilang buhay. Patuloy ang City Government of Bacoor sa pagsuporta at pagbibigay ng mga programang magbibigay ng oportunidad sa mga mamamayan nito. /PR

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF RAMON REVILLA SR. SPORTS ARENA MARKS NEW MILESTONE FOR BACOR



Bacoor City, July 4, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, in partnership with the Office of Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Ramon Re-

villa Sr. Sports Arena today at Bellefort Subdivision, Barangay Molino 4. This landmark project is set to become a premier sports facility in the region. Mayor Strike B. Revilla led the event alongside Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, and Congressman Bryan Revilla of Agimat Party-list. Also present were Councilors Simplicio Dominguez, Horacio Brillantes, Eric Ugalde, Mike Bautista, and Karen S. Evaristo; Kapitan Jeffrey Campaña and the Council of Molino 4; Liga ng Barangay President BM Rafael Paterno III; SK Federation President Palm Angel Buncio; Engr. Jeffrey Michael Jamie, Division Chief Maintenance of DPWH Region IVA; Engr. Michael Angeles, Assistant Division Chief Maintenance; Engr. Jennifer Almanzar, Cavite 3rd Assistant District Engineer; Engr. Jicky Jutba; and Pastor Sandee Buendia. Numerous barangay officials, NGOs, and community groups were also in attendance. The sports arena project is funded with 200 million from former Senator Ramon “Bong” Revilla Jr. and 50 million from Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla. The City Government of Bacoor acquired the 5.2-hectare land through the efforts of Mayor Strike B. Revilla. This facility is envisioned to boost sports development and provide a venue for various community events, further enriching Bacoor’s growth and unity. /PR

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PGC Joins Cavite PNP’s One-Day Barangayanihan Caravan in Maragondon



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in partnership with the Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), brought government services closer to the grassroots through a successful medical mission during the One-Day Barangayanihan Caravan held on June 26, 2025, at Barangay Sta. Mercedes in Maragondon, Cavite.

Over 200 residents benefitted from free medical and dental consultations, as well as the distribution of prescribed medicines, provided by the PGC’s dedicated health teams. The initiative reaffirmed the province’s ongoing commitment to delivering accessible healthcare, especially in remote and underserved communities.

The event was further strengthened by the active participation of national agencies and local offices. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) facilitated National ID registration and issued civil registry documents, such as birth, marriage, and death certificates. TESDA introduced livelihood and vocational training opportunities to help empower residents with new skills. Meanwhile, the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) extended job facilitation support to jobseekers in the area.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) also made their presence felt by offering free legal consultations, haircuts under their “Libreng Gupit” program, and information on joining the police force. A ceremonial turnover of medical equipment and essential medicines from the Cavite PPO to the Rural Health Unit further enhanced the community’s healthcare capabilities.

In a heartwarming gesture, free slippers were distributed to children and residents, adding joy to the event and reinforcing the spirit of service and compassion that defined the day.

This multi-sectoral outreach program reflects the collective commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite and its partners to uplifting the lives of Caviteños. By delivering integrated, on-the-ground services, the Barangayanihan Caravan continues to promote inclusive growth and community empowerment across the province.

Grateful barangay officials and residents extended their sincere thanks to the PGC and all participating agencies for bringing essential government services directly to their doorstep.

DA-ATI CALABARZON Celebrates 51st Nutrition Month: Championing Healthy, Local, and Sustainable Filipino Food



In observance of the 51st Nutrition Month this July, the Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON joins the national advocacy to promote better nutrition and healthier lifestyles through sustainable and locally sourced food.

This year’s theme encourages Filipinos to embrace nutritious, affordable, and locally available food—not only for personal health and well-being but also to support Filipino farmers and sustainable agriculture.

To highlight the celebration, DA-ATI CALABARZON showcased nutritious and culturally significant Filipino food options that promote both health and local pride:

Kamote (Sweet Potato): Packed with fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants, kamote supports digestion and overall health and is a versatile, energy-rich crop grown widely in the region.

Taho: A comforting, protein-rich Filipino snack made from soft tofu, arnibal (sweet syrup), and sago pearls. It’s a great source of calcium and plant-based protein, ideal for all ages.

Kare-Kare with Vegetables: A beloved Filipino stew made more nutritious by incorporating fresh vegetables and lean or plant-based protein options—showing how traditional dishes can be adapted for healthier eating.

Dragon Fruit: A vibrant, antioxidant-rich fruit loaded with vitamin C and fiber. Known for supporting immunity, digestion, and skin health, it’s also grown by local farmers in CALABARZON.

Through this initiative, DA-ATI CALABARZON underscores the importance of making mindful food choices that nourish the body, celebrate Filipino food culture, and uplift local farming communities.

As Nutrition Month continues, the agency encourages everyone to support the local agricultural sector by choosing healthy, homegrown food—nurturing both families and the nation. /PR



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NOTICE

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late ALICIA O. BANTUGAN, consisting of an account with Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (“Metrobank”) with the Account Number of 0382038022207 with the amount of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE and 79/100 DOLLARS (\$2,321.79); has been solely adjudicated by her sole heir EDUARDO T. BANTUGAN as per AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION executed and notarized on June 16, 2025 at Imus City, Cavite before Notary Public, Atty. MARIO R. BENITEZ, PTR No. 2722398, under Doc No. 1992, Page No. 85, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

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