

DEPED WELCOMES PBBM'S DIRECTIVE TO GIVE 20K SRI FOR TEACHERS



PASIG CITY, 11 December 2024 — The Department of Education (DepEd) expressed its gratitude and appreciation for President Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr.’s directive to provide the Php 20,000 Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) for public school teachers and non-teaching personnel.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara thanked the President for increasing the SRI from Php 18,000 to Php 20,000, benefitting an estimated 1,011,800 DepEd personnel.

“We thank President Marcos Jr. for his unparalleled dedication to uplifting the welfare of our teachers and personnel. His genuine concern for education and his heart for our teacher have once again prioritized the needs of those shaping the future of our nation,” Sec. Angara said.

Sec. Angara also affirmed his commitment to work closely with Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangan-daman to ensure the swift and successful implementation of the increased SRI while adhering to fiscal policies.

Sec. Pangandaman and the DBM will look into the necessary funding mechanisms to finalize the implementation process and release of funds of the SRI.

“Malaking tulong ito sa ating mga guro at kawani para sa kanilang paghahanda para sa kapaskuhan at sa pagsalubong ng bagong taon. Napakagandang regalo nito ng ating administrasyon na kinikilala ang sakripisyo at serbisyo ng ating mga kaguruan,” Angara noted.

Following the marching order of the President, the SRI increase is another step of the Sec. Angara’s leadership team to take care of the well-being of teachers.



PBBM SIGNS LAW EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS AND CREATING SCHOOL COUNSELOR POSITIONS



MANILA, 09 December 2024 — President Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. on Monday signed the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act, a landmark measure aimed at strengthening mental health programs in schools and creating new plantilla positions for school counselors.

“When our learners and school personnel are mentally healthy, academic performance improves, absenteeism decreases, and a culture of compassion and understanding flourishes,” President Marcos Jr. said.

The new law mandates the establishment of a comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program for all public and private basic education institutions, including provisions for out-of-school children in special cases. This initiative seeks to promote mental health awareness, address mental health concerns, and enhance suicide prevention efforts in schools.

Among the key provisions of the law is the institutionalization of school-based mental health services. These services will include the screening, evaluation, and monitoring of students’ mental well-being, as well as mental health first aid, crisis response, and referral systems.

To support these initiatives, the Department of Education (DepEd) is tasked with establishing Care Centers in all public schools and ensuring their existence and maintenance in private schools. By converting and renaming existing guidance and counseling offices, these Care Centers will serve as hubs for mental health services, ensuring that learners have access to tailored support systems.

The law also requires the creation of a Mental Health and Well-Being Office in every school division office. These offices will provide the framework for school-based mental health programs, review and approve their implementation, and conduct regular visits to ensure effectiveness. They will also be responsible for training personnel to deliver mental health services to learners.

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In line with these efforts, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in consultation with DepEd and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), will create new plantilla positions for school counselors. These include roles such as School Counselor Associate I to V, School Counselor I to IV, and Schools Division Counselor. Existing items will also be reclassified.

“This is a vital step forward in ensuring our learners are not only academically equipped but also mentally healthy. We thank President Marcos and the members of the Congress for supporting our efforts of building a system that prioritizes our children’s holistic development,” Education Secretary Sonny Angara said.

Lawmakers, led by Senate President Francis “Chiz” Escudero and House Speaker Martin Romualdez, along with DepEd officials, witnessed the ceremonial signing of the law in Malacañang. /PR

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## The Unwavering Spirit of Filipino Christmas Traditions

Christmas in the Philippines is not merely a season; it is a cherished way of life that reflects the warmth, faith, and enduring spirit of the Filipino people. From the flicker of the first parol to the aroma of bibingka and puto bumbong, Filipino Christmas traditions remain vibrant, binding generations and communities together in celebration and gratitude.

### A Season That Starts Early

The Philippines is renowned for having the longest Christmas season in the world, beginning as early as September. Known as the "ber months," this period transforms the country into a wonderland of lights, carols, and festive decorations. Malls and homes alike sparkle with Christmas trees and nativity scenes, while the air is filled with classic yuletide songs. This extended celebration highlights the Filipinos' unparalleled enthusiasm for the holidays, emphasizing family togetherness and faith.

### The Parol: A Beacon of Hope

One of the most iconic symbols of a Filipino Christmas is the parol, a star-shaped lantern that adorns windows and streets nationwide. Traditionally made from bamboo and paper, the parol symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem and serves as a

reminder of hope, joy, and the light of Christ. Passed down through generations, creating and displaying parols remains a beloved tradition that reflects the creativity and resilience of the Filipino people.

Simbang Gabi: A Testament of Faith

At the heart of Filipino Christmas is the deeply rooted Catholic tradition of Simbang Gabi. This series of nine dawn masses, held from December 16 to 24, gathers families and communities in anticipation of Christmas Day. For many, completing the novena is believed to grant special blessings. Attending Simbang Gabi is more than a religious observance; it is a cultural experience filled with camaraderie, where worshippers enjoy warm treats like bibingka and puto bumbong after mass, reinforcing bonds of faith and fellowship.

### Noche Buena: A Feast of Love

Christmas Eve is marked by the Noche Buena, a grand midnight feast that brings families together. Tables overflow with Filipino favorites such as lechon, hamon, pancit, and queso de bola, celebrating abundance and gratitude. Beyond the food, Noche Buena embodies the spirit of generosity and unity, as families exchange gifts, share laughter, and create lasting memories. Resilience and Com-

munity Spirit  
Filipino Christmas traditions have endured challenges, from natural calamities to economic hardships, yet the essence of these customs remains unshaken. Even during trying times, the Filipino people find ways to celebrate, demonstrating resilience and the value placed on community and togetherness. Bayanihan, the spirit of communal unity, often shines brightest during the holidays, with Filipinos extending help and joy to those in need through charity drives and outreach programs.

### The Heart of Christmas

At its core, Filipino Christmas traditions are a testament to the enduring values of faith, family, and hope. In a rapidly changing world, these customs serve as an anchor, preserving cultural identity and fostering a sense of belonging. They remind us that the true spirit of Christmas lies not in material gifts but in the love and connections we share.

As the parols light up the night sky and carols echo through the streets, the Filipino Christmas spirit continues to inspire. It is a celebration that transcends challenges, bringing warmth and joy to every heart it touches, year after year.

## POGO...

**TIMELY SETTLEMENT.** Displaced workers from First Orient International Ventures Inc. and K3 Global Services Inc., companies operating as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators in Kawit, Cavite, receive their final salary, 13th-month pay, and separation pay at Island Cove on Thursday (Dec. 5, 2024). Department of Labor and Employment-Cavite officials facilitated the payout as part of the comprehensive support for workers affected by the closure of the Internet Gaming Licensees on Nov. 30. (Photo courtesy of DOLE-Cavite)

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** – Over 260 employees retrenched from First Orient International Ventures Inc. and K3 Global Services Inc., companies operating as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) at Island Cove in Kawit, Cavite, have received their final, 13th-month, and separation payments. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Cavite Provincial Office facilitated the payout as part of its comprehensive support for workers affected by the closure of the Internet

Gaming Licensees. The companies shut down on Nov. 30. "We worked closely together with Provincial Director Marivic Martinez to verify the computations of the separation pay and assist workers in claiming their SSS (Social Security System) unemployment benefits," Ruth Terrible, Senior Labor and Employment Officer of DOLE-Cavite, said in a statement. "This initiative underscores DOLE's dedication to prioritizing the welfare of displaced workers and ensuring they receive what is due to them." Some workers, especially those with five years of employment, received amounts ranging from PHP170,000 to PHP180,000, while payouts for others varied based on their length of service. Terrible also shared that six workers who were not able to attend the payout will receive their claims in February next year. Approximately 400 employees already received their separation pay in an earlier distribution.

## CALABARZON...

**OUT FROM HIDING.** Liliw Municipal Police Station officers in Laguna capture alias "Raymark," one of the Calabarzon Region's most wanted murder suspects, in Cainta, Rizal on Wednesday (Nov. 28, 2024). The arrest ended the fugitive's 13-year hiding. (Photo courtesy of Laguna PPO)

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** – A 13-year manhunt has come to an end as police arrested one of the most wanted murder suspects in Calabarzon Region. In a statement on Thursday, acting Laguna Police Provincial Office Director, Col. Gauvin Mel Unos, confirmed the arrest of alias "Raymark" during an operation on Wednesday by the Liliw Municipal Police Station in Barangay San Andres, Cainta, Rizal. The suspect, a resident of

Caloocan City in the National Capital Region, had been on the run since a warrant for his arrest was issued on July 15, 2011 by Branch 91 of the Regional Trial Court, Sta. Cruz, Laguna. The murder charge against him is unbailable. "With this arrest, we are bringing justice to the victim and their family. It is a clear message that no one can escape the law," Unos said. In a separate development, the Drug Enforcement Unit of the Dasmariñas City Police Station in Cavite conducted a Thursday morning drug operation in Barangay Salawag. Three suspects — alias "Jefferson" (37 years old), "Barok" (39), and "Raymond" (32) — yielded over 240 grams of shabu with a standard street value of over PHP1.6 mil-

lion. Authorities also recovered from the three a .45 caliber firearm and three live rounds of ammunition. The suspects are now in police custody, facing charges for violations of Republic Act Nos. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act and 10591, or the Comprehensive Law on Firearms and Ammunition. "This successful operation underscores PRO (Police Regional Office) Calabarzon's unwavering commitment to eradicating the illegal drug trade in our region," Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas, PRO4A Director, said. "I commend the dedication and bravery of the Dasmariñas City Police Station for this significant achievement." (PNA)

## Community Based Training Empowers Parents of Child Laborers in Cavite



In a heartwarming initiative aimed at promoting community well-being, over 313 residents of Amaya I, Tanza, received free medical and dental care during a successful Medical and Dental Mission held on December 6, 2024.

This mission was a collaborative effort of the Office of the Provincial Governor, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the Tanza Rural Health Unit (RHU), and dedicated Barangay Health Worker (BHW) volunteers. The event served 283 medical beneficiaries and 25 dental patients, offering vital health services ranging from consultations to dental treatments.

With compassion and expertise, the medical team ensured that community members received the care and attention they needed, addressing their health concerns effectively. The initiative showcased the power of teamwork and collaboration, emphasizing the importance of making healthcare services accessible to all.

This event reflects the provincial government's unwavering commitment to fostering healthier communities and empowering residents with better access to essential health services. It stands as a testament to the ongoing efforts to improve public health in Cavite./PR



## Cvaite Honors LGU Excellence at Second Annual Treasurer's Night



The Office of the Provincial Treasurer celebrated the excellence and achievements of local government unit (LGU) treasuries across Cavite during the Second Annual Treasurer's Night held on November 28, 2024, at The Bayleaf Hotel in General Trias City. The event gathered exceptional treasurers, budget officers, and focal persons whose dedication has ensured efficient and effective service for the general public. Among the notable attendees were Amadeo Mayor Redel John Dionisio and General Emilio Aguinaldo Mayor Dennis Glean, who joined in recognizing the efforts of Cavite's local treasury teams. In her opening remarks, Provincial Treasurer Adelina Martal warmly welcomed the attendees, expressing her gratitude for their hard work throughout the year. She encouraged them to maintain their commitment to service excellence and to strive for even greater achievements in the future.

The evening's highlight was the awarding of plaques and cash incentives to recognize outstanding performance in several categories: Electronic Statement on Receipt and Expenditures Submission for FY 2023 Continuous Remittance of the Real Property Tax Provincial Share for FY 2023, awarded to the cities of Bacoor, Carmona, Dasmariñas, General Trias, and Imus Real Property Tax Collection Efficiency, where six Municipal Treasurer's Offices were recognized for surpassing their collection goals:

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| 6th Place: | Maragondon               | (118.37%) |
| 5th Place: | Magallanes               | (142.69%) |
| 4th Place: | General Emilio Aguinaldo | (148.84%) |
| 3rd Place: | Alfonso                  | (160.56%) |
| 2nd Place: | Amadeo                   | (161.19%) |
| 1st Place: | Naic                     | (207.67%) |

The event concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Clara Gracia Cuasay, President of the Cavite Province Association of Local Budget Officers, who commended the organizers and attendees for another successful celebration of excellence and dedication among Cavite's LGUs./PR

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## Health Outreach Program Serves Over 400 Residents in General Trias City

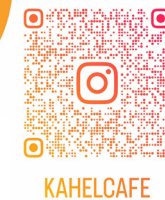


The Provincial Government of Cavite, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), the General Trias City Health Office, and the Cavite Dental Association, successfully conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City, on December 3, 2024.

The health outreach program catered to more than 400 beneficiaries, providing free medical consultations, dental check-ups, tooth extractions, and prescribed medicines. The event aimed to make healthcare services more accessible and promote the overall well-being of the community.

The initiative was organized in response to a request by Board Member Morit Sison and was fully supported by Board Member Kerby Salazar, who personally participated in the activity. Both officials expressed their gratitude to the dedicated medical teams and participating organizations for their unwavering commitment to serving the people.

This program underscores the Provincial Government's dedication to improving public health and addressing the medical and dental needs of Caviteños. The residents of Barangay San Francisco warmly appreciated the services, which highlighted the importance of collaboration in delivering quality healthcare for all. /PR



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# SM FOUNDATION FARMER'S TRAINING IN LAOAG: A HARVEST THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



Since its inception in 2007, the SM Foundation's Kabalik sa Kabuhayan on Sustainable Agriculture program has been striving to help uplift farmers from vulnerable communities. The program recently celebrated the 14-week training of 100 farmers from Laoag.

The agriculture sector in the Philippines continues to demonstrate growth, according to the Department of Agriculture. As of November 2023, the sector employed around 25 percent of the country's 49.7 million labor force. It also contributed nine percent to the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) in the previous year. Since its inception in 2007, the SM Foundation's Kabalik sa Kabuhayan (KSK) on Sustainable Agriculture program has been striving to uplift farmers from vulnerable communities. The program has equipped farmers with modern farming techniques and entrepreneurial skills to boost their capabilities. Among the recent graduates are 100 farmers from Laoag, Ilocos Norte. After completing a 14-week training program, they are now better prepared to address challenges and seize opportunities in the agricultural sector. Ferdinand Claro, one of the recent graduates, shared how the program has transformed their approach to farming. "Before KSK, we were simply reacting to problems as they came—no plan, no strategy. Floods and strong winds would wipe out what little we had during typhoons," he said. The training covered sustainable farming techniques such as organic practices, crop rotation, and climate-resilient strategies, alongside essential business skills like financial literacy, bookkeeping, and marketing. With these new skills, farmers are scaling up operations and diversity into livestock farming. This is set to be supported by a two million seed capital, recently turned over in Laoag by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The grant, distributed collectively among the associations, will be used to build animal shelters, purchase livestock, and procure animal feed, enabling farmers to diversify their income sources.



Representatives from SM Foundation, DSWD, and the government of Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, turnover the P2 million seed capital that aims to enable the new KSK farmers to diversify their agribusiness. In photo are Ilocos Norte first district representative Sandro Marcos and SM Foundation AVP for livelihood and outreach Cristie Angeles.

With the combined support, the new batches were able to establish their farmer's associations. They are now selling fresh produce in their communities, with one association earning P8,000 from their demo farm. Apart from selling in local markets, they are set to supply fresh goods to the DSWD's Zero Hunger Program in Laoag, a hunger mitigation and nutrition security initiative.



KSK farmers learned wide array of topics, from modern farming techniques to essential business skills to boost their capabilities.

## Full circle: From KSK trainee to trainer

John Lei Ganiron, the trainer of the batch, is a former KSK graduate.

An electronics and communications engineer (ECE), he left his telecommunications career to return to his farming roots in Ilocos Norte. Motivated by his father's hard work as a farmer to support their family and his education, he chose to continue his family's livelihood.



From KSK Trainee to KSK Trainer: Joh Lei Ganiron (third from left) joins the moving forward ceremony at the Mariano Marcos State University with SM City Laoag Assistant Mall Manager Gian Carlo Quiaoit, St. Isidore's Program Coordinator and former KSK alumna Emma Tolentino and SM Foundation's Angeles (first, second, and fourth from left).

"My father's sacrifices as a farmer, working hard to support our family and send me to engineering school, inspired me deeply. I wanted to honor his dedication by giving back to the farming community and sharing new knowledge with fellow farmers," he said.

Determined to learn, he joined the KSK program in 2015. There, he discovered a broader vision of farming that combined sustainable agricultural practices, agripreneurship, ecological stewardship, and community development.

After graduating from the program, he applied what he had learned to their family farm while establishing one of the first TESDA-accredited farm business schools in Ilocos Norte.

Now, as a KSK trainer, John Lei has come full circle, witnessing the graduation of his students—his fellow KSK farmers.



The new KSK farmers from Laoag scale up after graduation, preparing to sell fresh produce in local markets and supply vegetables for DSWD's Zero Hunger Program in their city.

The KSK farmers in Laoag are contributing to the SM Foundation's mission of uplifting communities. The new batch focuses on supporting programs that address food and nutrition, while KSK alumnus John Lei shares modern farming techniques with fellow farmers, reflecting the foundation's commitment to social good.

The recent KSK is conducted in partnership with SM Supermalls, DSWD, DTI, DOST, DA, DOLE, TESDA, and the Local Government of Laoag City.



## DOLE...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Cavite Provincial Office, in partnership with 36 companies, has launched an initiative to establish Family Welfare Committees (FWCs) in workplaces across the province. DOLE-Cavite Director Marivic Martinez said in a phone interview Wednesday that the program, mandated for companies with at least 200 employees, aims to integrate family welfare into workplace policies to improve employee well-being and productivity. Smaller companies are also encouraged to adopt the program. "The Family Welfare Program (FWP) is a key advocacy of DOLE, designed to enhance workers' quality

of life through a family-centered approach," Martinez said. "It integrates family welfare into workplace practices, fostering better productivity and strengthening labor-management relationships." The initiative emphasizes family planning, mental health, and relationship management as part of workplace practices to create supportive and sustainable environments. More than 70 representatives from 36 companies attended an orientation session held Tuesday at the First Cavite Industrial Estate (FCIE) Administration Hall in Dasmariñas City. During the event, participants formed a federation to draft by-laws and policies aimed at

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sustaining the program's objectives. Martinez stressed the importance of integrating the Family Welfare Program into organizational policies to ensure long-term success. "DOLE remains steadfast in its mandate to embed family-centric programs into workplace policies," she said. "This commitment ensures the development of workplaces that prioritize the well-being of employees and their families, contributing to overall productivity and sustainability." The initiative reflects DOLE's ongoing efforts to promote balanced and family-friendly work environments, underscoring its dedication to improving the quality of life for Filipino workers. (PNA)

## 5th...

BAGUIO CITY - The officials and members of the Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors, and Reporters (Ph) Inc., also known as PAPER, unanimously elected Bonifacio C. Dacayanan as their 5th President, along with other distinguished members of the association. The group comprises various media practitioners from across the country. The election took place on December 7, 2025, at Hotel Henrico Kisad in Baguio City.

Karl Geduriagao and Diosa Marual (Press Relations Officers).

Ms. Joy Estrellado, the current Secretary General of the media group, expressed optimism, stating that it is time for growth and progress under their new leader, even though Mr. Dacayanan has long been one of their officials.

The group plans to expedite the oath-taking ceremony to promptly implement initiatives that will invigorate and support every member of the organization.

"In my view, it's crucial for everyone to become aware of the growing challenges faced by journalists, especially with the spread of misinformation on social media platforms like Facebook, where unverified accounts often share fake news," Mr.

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Dacayanan remarked.

One of their immediate plans is to organize seminars for their members to raise awareness about the realities in today's media landscape.

The newly elected President also aims to prioritize drafting and sending formal invitations to secure expert lecturers for discussions on issues affecting both the media industry and the nation. /PR



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## MORE...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – At least 13 local government units across the Calabarzon region are compliant with the electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) program, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in Southern Tagalog said. The eBOSS system streamlines procedures for obtaining local business licenses and permits via a single digital portal accessible on demand. It is one of ARTA's flagship programs. Karl Joseph Sanmocte, ARTA Southern Tagalog Regional Chief, noted that part of their efforts includes staying connected with LGUs to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of government services. "We are cooperating with our LGUs through our inspection. We go around and visit our LGUs first, to assess where they are as far as eBOSS is concerned. Secondly, we also provide orientation, we help them how they can

implement this," Sanmocte stated. The 13 LGUs – which include Batangas City, Ibaan, Taal, and Sta. Teresita in Batangas province; Antipolo City and Baras in Rizal; the cities of Carmona, Dasmariñas, Bacoor and Imus in Cavite; the cities of Binan, Calamba and Santa Rosa in Laguna – have now integrated the eBOSS system into their local government operations.

At least 13 local government units across the Calabarzon region out of the 35 LGUs nationwide are compliant with the electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) program, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) said. (CH/PIA-Laguna) ARTA Secretary Ernesto Perez had said only 35 LGUs nationwide are fully compliant with eBoss even as the agency targets to bring 200 LGUs to compliance this year. The ARTA Southern Ta-

galog also signed a joint memorandum circular with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to strengthen the implementation of eBOSS in different LGUs and conduct technical assistance and training to better operationalize the system. Sanmocte said: "With eBOSS, we will be able to really show their responsibility and their accountability in ensuring that the time for document processing will surely be implemented and followed." The eBOSS is part of the broader push for digitalization under the Philippine government's "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act" and aims to reduce red tape in government transactions across the country. (AM/PIA-4A)

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## PH...

CRASH LANDING. A Philippine Navy AgustaWestland helicopter crash-lands at Sangley Aerodrome in Cavite on Thursday (Dec. 5, 2024). The five crew members aboard sustained minor injuries. (Photo courtesy of Philippine Navy) MANILA – The Philippine Navy confirmed that one of its AgustaWestland AW-109 helicopters on a training and maintenance flight crash-landed at Sangley Aerodrome in Cavite Thursday. Commander John Percie Alcos said in a statement that the incident happened around 10:18 a.m. The helicopter was being subjected to a "training and maintenance flight" shortly after undergoing its scheduled maintenance inspection at the time of the mishap. "(It) was a functional maintenance check before we send the aircraft to the operational area so it was during the training and maintenance flight when the aircraft crash landed," Alcos said in a separate interview. He said the helicopter had five Navy personnel aboard -- a test pilot, a co-pilot and three maintenance crew. Four had minor cuts and bruises while the other sustained a minor fracture. "Emergency response teams, including fire and medical personnel, were immediately deployed to the scene. No casualties were reported and all personnel onboard, though with minor injuries, were conscious and safely transported to the 15th Strike Wing Hospital for medical evaluation," Alcos said. The Navy operates at least four units of the

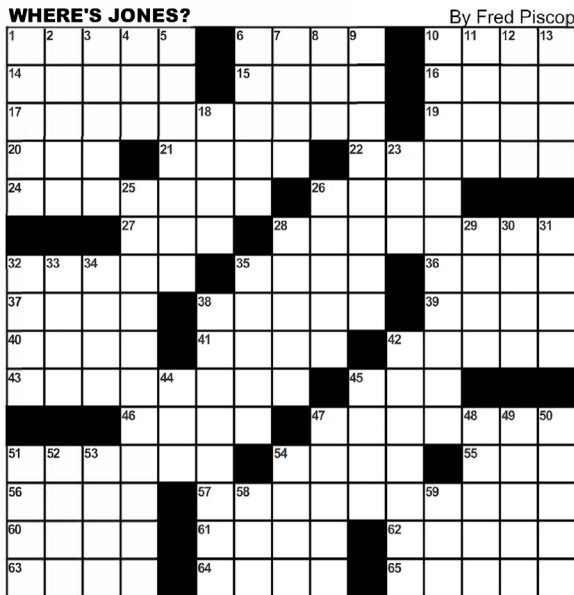
AW-109, which were delivered between 2013 and 2014. A comprehensive investigation is underway to determine the cause. "Moreover, all similar aircraft will be temporarily grounded during the investigation. Rest assured that the Philippine Navy is committed to maintaining high standards of operational safety and will use the findings to improve our procedures moving forward," Alcos said. (PNA)



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- 15) Eastern holy man
- 16) Sausage segment
- 17) Second Amendment issue
- 19) Prefix with "knock" or "lock"
- 20) Vigoda of "Fish"
- 21) Carnival oddball
- 22) Requiring a combina-tion, say
- 24) More smart-mouthed
- 26) Put on a long face
- 27) Anthem contraction
- 28) Situations with "horns"
- 32) Fork-tailed seabirds
- 35) Comfy spot
- 36) 14-Across, informally
- 37) Not have\_ to stand on
- 38) Word that can follow the first parts of 17- and 57-Across and 10- and 25-Down
- 39) Clinton's attorney general
- 40) Bull artist
- 41) Inside-the-Beltway figures
- 42) "No kidding!"
- 43) Arlington, e.g.
- 45) \_ -Columbian era
- 46) UPC part
- 4 7) Support, as a team
- 5 1) Home for a yacht
- 54) Hockey thug
- 55) Attorneys' org.
- 56) Zillions
- 57) LEAD -> LOAD -> GOAD -> GOLD, e.g.
- 60) Rum go-with
- 61) Square mileage
- 62) Ones in a skein
- 63) Broker's advice, maybe
- 64) Sign of boredom
- 65) Venerated one

DOWN

- 1) Long tales
- 2) Island off Venezuela
- 3) Heredity factors
- 4) Ltr. accompanier
- 5) Cheap cigars
- 6) Take in or let out
- 7) Kennel sound
- 8) Moody sub genre of punk
- 9) Bankhead of "Life-boat"
- 10) Illegal arms trade, e.g.
- 11) Where to do camels
- 12) Pot starter
- 13) Warehouse platform
- 18) Not e'en once
- 23) Good\_ boy
- 25) Kind of musical performance
- 26) Puts through a sieve
- 28) Dining table deco-ration
- 29) Demeanor
- 30) Part of AD
- 3 1) Pack overhead
- 32) Low end of the Mohs scale
- 33) Fashion designer Saab
- 34) Clean, as a pipe
- 35) Goopy campfire treat
- 38) Hightailed it
- 42) Period when forging began
- 44) Semi capacity unit
- 45) Place to play Marco Polo
- 47) Monster who trashed Tokyo
- 48) Like well-worn jeans
- 49) More than pudgy
- 50) Less done
- 51) Apple Store buys
- 52) Spiny succulent
- 53) Part of some sand-wiches
- 54) Shot up
- 58) \_ pro nobis
- 59) Tierra \_ Fuego

CITY OF BACOR NEWS

KALINGA SA MATANDA: BACOR CITY NAGBIGAY NG PINANSYAL NA SUPORTA PARA SA MGA SENIOR CITIZENS NG HABAY 1



Bacoor City, December 11, 2024 - Ang City Government of Bacoor, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla at Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, ay nagbigay ng tulong pinansyal sa mga senior citizens ng Barangay Habay 1 sa pamamagitan ng kanilang programa ng "Kalinga sa Matanda." Ang programa, na pinangasiwaan ng Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) at City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) sa pamumuno ni Ms. Lilian Ugalde, ay ginanap sa Strike Gymnasium. Dumalo sa okasyon sina Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Konsehal Karen Sarino Evaristo, Konsehal Mike Solis, Pastor Mike Bautista, Kuya Noly Galvez, dating Kapitan Udoy Brillantes, Atty. Venus De Castro (OSCA head), Ms. Amor Navarrete (Senior Citizens President ng Habay 1), at mga opisyal ng barangay. Ang pamamahagi ng tulong pinansyal ay isang patunay ng dedikasyon ng City Government sa pag-aalaga at pagsuporta sa mga senior citizens ng Bacoor. Ang "Kalinga sa Matanda" ay isang programa na naglalayong makatulong sa mga senior citizens ng pandagdag panggastos. Ang programa ay pinasigla rin ng suporta ng mga sumusunod: Senator Ramon "BONG" Revilla Jr., Congwoman Lani Mercado Revilla, Cong. Bryan Revilla ng Agimat Partylist, at ang soon-to-be Cavite Vice Governor, Board Member Ram Revilla./PR

HYUNDAI BACOR INAUGURATION: CITY WELCOMES NEW DEALERSHIP

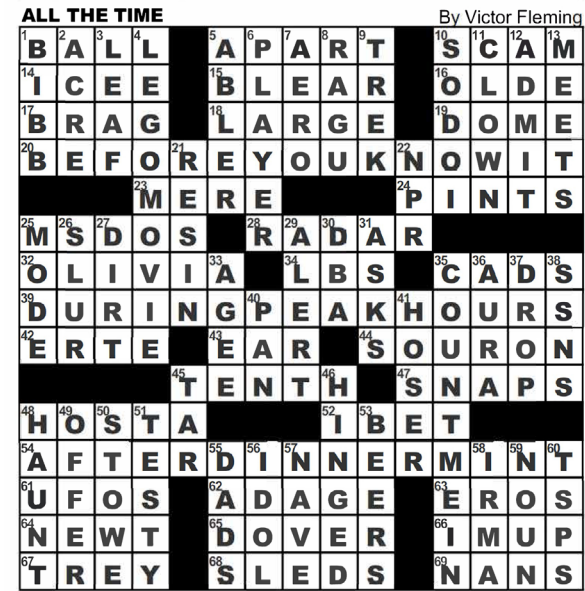


Bacoor City, December 11, 2024 - Bacoor City today welcomed a new addition to its automotive landscape with the grand inauguration of Hyundai Bacoor. Mayor Strike B. Revilla graced the occasion, joining officers and staff of Hyundai Bacoor in celebrating this significant milestone. The new dealership, located at Hyundai Bacoor, Bacoor Molino Boulevard, Barangay Mambog 4, marks



a strategic expansion for Hyundai Motor Philippines, bringing its world-class vehicles and services closer to the residents of Bacoor City. The inauguration signifies Hyundai's commitment to providing exceptional customer experiences and further solidifying its presence in the Philippine market. The event was filled with excitement and anticipation as guests got a glimpse of the new dealership's modern facilities and the latest Hyundai models. Mayor Revilla expressed his support for Hyundai Bacoor and commended the company for its investment in the city. He believes that the new dealership will not only boost the local economy but also provide residents with convenient access to quality vehicles and services./PR

Last week's solution:



NOTICE

EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPS. ALFREDO P. AMPOSTA AND CORAZON LARA AMPOSTA

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SPS. ALFREDO P. AMPOSTA AND CORAZON LARA AMPOSTA has been Extra-Judicially settled, adjudicated by their legal heirs and notarized on April 29, 2021 at Imus, Cavite before Notary Public, Atty. PETER JOSEPH C. LARA, PTR No. 1600017, expires June 30, 2021. The decedents died intestate without leaving any Last Will and Testament. The decedents left a parcel of land situated in Anabu, Imus, Cavite under Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-54032 with an area of TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN (211) SQUARE METERS.

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KADIWA NG PAGULO: DISKWEN-TO CARAVAN RETURNS TO BRING AFFORDABLE GOODS



In a continued effort to provide accessible and affordable goods while supporting local farmers and entrepreneurs, the Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) program is back. This initiative offers a variety of quality products at discounted prices, including rice, vegetables, fruits, and more.

The event is set to take place on December 18 at the Poblacion Covered Court, starting at 6:00 AM.

Spearheaded by President Ferdinand "Bong-bong" Marcos Jr., this program is a collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, various government agencies, and the local government. The event is fully supported by the municipality under the leadership of Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua and BM Davey Reyes-Chua.

The KNP caravan continues to uphold its mission of alleviating financial burdens on Filipino families while promoting sustainable livelihoods for farmers and small businesses./PR

GOVERNOR ATHENA TOLENTINO LEADS WOMEN'S WELFARE PROGRAM IN G.M.A.



AT THE MOMENT! WOMEN'S WELFARE PROGRAM

GOVERNOR ATHENA TOLENTINO LEADS THE WOMEN'S WELFARE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GMA TODAY, DELIVERING PHP 2,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO 2,000 WOMEN. THIS INITIATIVE REFLECTS HER DEDICATION TO UPLIFTING CAVITEÑO WOMEN AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.



In a remarkable display of support for women empowerment, Governor Athena Tolentino spearheaded the Women's Welfare Program in General Mariano Alvarez (G.M.A.), where 2,000 women received Php 2,000 in financial assistance. This initiative highlights the governor's steadfast dedication to empowering Caviteño women and advancing inclusive development across the province. Joining Governor Tolentino at the event were Senator Francis "Tol" Tolentino, 5th District Representative Cong. Roy Loyola, and Board Member Aidel Belamide. Local officials, led by Mayor Maricel Torres Echevarria and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, also participated to show their unwavering support for the program. The Women's Welfare Program has become a cornerstone initiative, providing not only financial aid but also hope and empowerment for women in Cavite. It continues to open doors for opportunity and progress, fostering a brighter future for communities throughout the province. /CPIO

CAVITE GOVERNOR AWARDS INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND NUTRITION SCHOLARS



The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, distributed incentives for Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) for the third and fourth quarters of 2024. The ceremonial turnover of cheques amounting to 24,480,000 for BHWs and 9,384,000 for BNSs

was held on December 4, 2024, at the Tagaytay International Convention Center in Tagaytay City. Governor Tolentino together with Tagaytay Mayor Bambol Tolentiono personally handed over the cheques to Dr. Nonie John Dalisay, Provincial Health Officer along with some BHW and BNS. The event was graced by some members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, who expressed their full support for the health and nutrition initiatives of the province.

In her message, Governor Tolentino emphasized the vital role of BHWs and BNSs in ensuring the well-being of Caviteños, especially in grassroots communities. The distribution of incentives marks the provincial government's continued commitment to recognizing and supporting the invaluable contributions of community health and nutrition workers. — OPIO

"TAKBO PARA SA KABABAIHAN, KARAHASAN AY WAKASAN!" ADVOCACY RUN CHAMPIONS GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS



The advocacy run "Takbo para sa Kababaihan, Karahasan ay Wakasan!" brought together hundreds of participants on December 6, 2024, at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, emphasizing a powerful stand against violence toward women and children. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) in partnership with the Provincial Committee Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (PCAT-VAWC), the event featured both 3-kilometer and 5-kilometer categories, with male and female runners competing for the top spots and championing the advocacy. In the 3-kilometer category, Ricardo del Rosario Jr. emerged victorious in the male division, while Natalie Boysen claimed first place in the female division. For the 5-kilometer run, Hanz Teo Ramirez secured the top spot in the male category, and Salt Balasan triumphed in the female category. Adding to the excitement, the top 20 finishers in both categories received advocacy-themed shirts, symbolizing their commitment to promoting gender equality and combating violence. The activity underscored the Provincial Government's unwavering commitment to protecting the rights and welfare of women and children. The success of the run not only raised awareness about violence prevention but also fostered a sense of unity and empowerment among participants, proving that collective action can spark meaningful change. — OPIO