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IMUS CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Imus is inviting local entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners to participate in the 3rd Imus City Financial Expo on July 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Activity Center of Ayala Malls Vermosa.

The expo will bring together successful entrepreneurs and professionals who will offer financial services, business support, and practical advice aimed at helping participants better manage and grow their businesses.

The event also provides an opportunity for Imuseño entrepreneurs to gain valuable insights, connect with financial and business experts, and explore services that may support their business goals.

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## PHILHEALTH EXPANDS BENEFITS FOR MODERATE TO SEVERE LEPTOSPIROSIS

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has expanded its benefit package for patients diagnosed with moderate to severe leptospirosis, providing greater financial protection for those requiring hospitalization, dialysis, and other critical medical interventions.

Under PhilHealth Circular No. 2026-0008, eligible patients may receive benefits of up to P63,000 for hospital care, P170,000 for hemodialysis, and P230,000 for peritoneal dialysis. For qualified patients requiring a combination of intensive treatments, including hemodialysis, mechanical ventilation, and pulmonary rehabilitation, coverage may reach up to P411,000.

The expanded package aims to ease the financial burden on patients and families, particularly during the rainy season when the risk of leptospirosis increases due to flooding. The disease is caused by Leptospira bacteria and may be transmitted through contact with water or soil contaminated with the urine of infected animals.

The public is encouraged to avoid unnecessary exposure to floodwaters and to seek immediate medical consultation following possible exposure, particularly when symptoms develop. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial in preventing serious complications associated with leptospirosis.

The expanded benefit package forms part of the government's continuing efforts to improve access to essential healthcare and reduce out-of-pocket medical expenses for Filipinos requiring treatment for serious illnesses.



For we walk by faith, not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

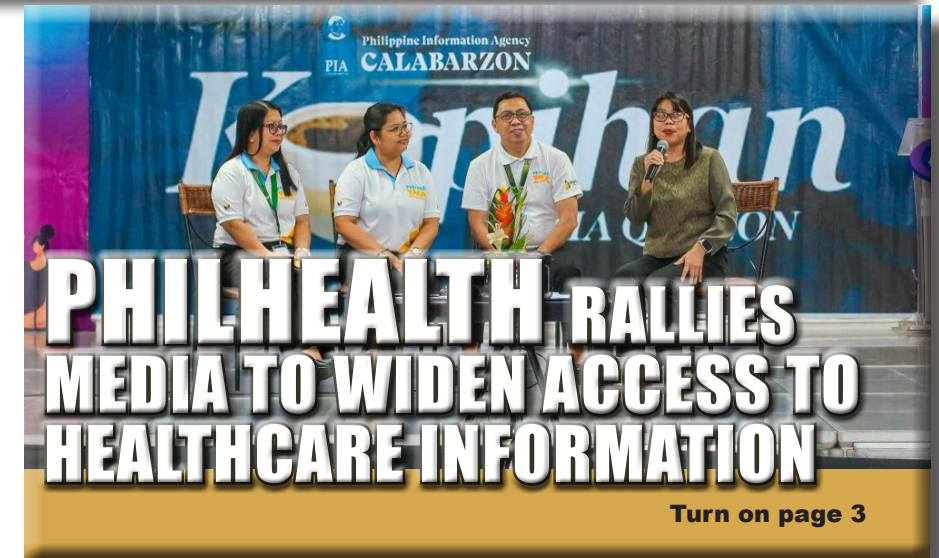
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## WHEN SCHOOLS ARE NO LONGER SAFE

Schools are supposed to be sanctuaries of learning—places where children discover their potential, build friendships, and prepare for the future. Yet the recent succession of violent incidents inside Philippine schools has shaken that fundamental expectation of safety.

In recent weeks, the country has witnessed disturbing cases involving students attacking fellow students. These incidents have intensified concerns among parents, teachers, and communities and raised an urgent question: Are we doing enough to understand and prevent violence before it erupts?

The immediate response is often to tighten security—and stronger security measures are necessary. Schools must review entry procedures, improve supervision, establish clear emergency protocols, and prevent weapons from entering campuses. Teachers and school personnel must also be adequately trained to respond to violent emergencies.

But guards, metal detectors, and security cameras alone cannot solve the problem.

School violence may have deeper roots. Bullying, unresolved conflicts,

emotional distress, family problems, and exposure to violence can contribute to dangerous behavior. Warning signs may appear long before an attack occurs, yet they can easily be overlooked when teachers are overwhelmed, guidance counselors are scarce, or students are afraid to speak.

This is why school safety must include accessible mental health and psychosocial support. Guidance offices must be strengthened, teachers should be trained to recognize serious behavioral changes, and students must have safe and confidential ways to report threats, bullying, and other concerns.

Parents, too, have an indispensable role. Knowing what children are experiencing—in school, among friends, and online—requires more than simply asking about grades. Young people need an environment where they can speak about anger, fear, bullying, and other struggles without being dismissed.

At the same time, understanding the circumstances behind violent behavior does not mean excusing it. Victims and their families deserve justice, protection, and long-term support. Every incident must be thoroughly investigated while

minors are handled in accordance with the law and child-protection standards.

The Department of Education, law enforcement agencies, local governments, school administrators, parents, and communities must treat school violence as an urgent and multidimensional problem. What is needed is a coordinated approach combining stronger campus security, effective anti-bullying programs, mental health support, early intervention, emergency preparedness, and accountability.

Schools cannot become places where children must constantly look over their shoulders. Parents should not have to fear for their children's safety every time they enter a classroom.

Every violent incident inside a school is more than another headline. It represents a child injured, a family traumatized, a community shaken, and a sense of security lost.

The warning signs are already before us. The question now is whether we will act decisively—or wait until another classroom becomes the scene of another tragedy.

-Ang Kabitenya

## CAVITE...

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)** — The Provincial Government of Cavite is working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to build infrastructure projects that will help address flooding in key areas.

Eloisa Rozul, Department Head of the Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OPDRMO), in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency – CALABARZON confirmed that the Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management project will help reduce flooding in urbanized and industrial parts of the province.

“Cavite has experienced rapid urbanization over the past decades, resulting in increased paved surfaces, reduced natural drainage, and higher flood runoff during heavy rainfall.”

The project will benefit low-lying areas, particularly the cities of Bacoor and Imus, as well as Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, and Tanza towns which experience regular flooding due to San Juan River, Imus River, and Ylang-Ylang River, as well as interconnected drainage systems leading to Manila Bay.

Moreover, Rozul noted that the provincial government is also pushing local government units to pass local legislature creating infrastructure audit teams and school safety officers to ensure the integrity and safety of public infrastructure.

“We recommended legislative measures to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through the PDRMC Chairperson for the enactment of DRRM-related ordinances.”

Rozul noted that key policies that they have recommended included the ordinances for the creation of an Infrastructure Audit Team, while other policies such as the Designation of Safety Offices in Elementary and Secondary School and the Ordinance on Safety Waters are being approved for first reading and are undergoing the crafting of Internal Rules and Regulations, respectively.

The Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management project includes major engineering interventions, such as the construction of a Flood Retarding Basin designed to retain excess floodwater temporarily during heavy rainfall and gradually release it after the

storm, thereby reducing downstream flooding. Improvements on riverbeds, floodways and diversion channels, drainage systems, and bridge networks are also underway to help reduce flooding by redirecting excess floodwater towards Manila Bay.

As the province continues to invest on flood mitigation infrastructure, the official emphasized that public support is key in strengthening disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.

“Together, we continue to improve our preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience to better protect lives, livelihoods, and the future of our province. Disasters may not always be prevented, but we can significantly reduce their impacts by working together, planning ahead, and acting responsibly.”

With some of its cities connected to Metro Manila, Cavite Province frequently experience province especially in parts of Bacoor, Imus, Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, General Trias, Tanza, and Dasmariñas, particularly during prolonged rains, tropical cyclones, and high tide. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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## BOTICARD CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF BRINGING AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE CLOSER TO COMMUNITIES



BotiCARD's 15th anniversary was celebrated through free health services, including health consultations, blood pressure monitoring, dental extraction, and distribution of free vitamins.

BotiCARD, Inc., a pharmacy under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), celebrated its 15th anniversary on May 20, 2026, at its Paulino Branch in San Pablo City, Laguna, by providing free health consultations, dental extraction, and blood pressure monitoring services. The services were open to clients of CARD financial institutions, their children, as well as non-clients and community residents. The anniversary program also included the distribution of free vitamins such as B-complex, multivitamins, ascorbic acid, non-acidic supplements, and vitamin C for children. Clients from CARD MRI financial institutions also continue to receive 20–28 percent discounts on medicines purchased at BotiCARD pharmacies.

The free healthcare services are part of BotiCARD's mission of providing affordable and quality medicines to underserved communities. BotiCARD

CEO Florife T. Reynido said they chose to celebrate the milestone through these services to promote the importance of maintaining good health. “Para kapag senior citizen na tayo, malalakas at masisigla pa rin tayo,” she said, addressing the CARD clients and community residents present in the program, reminding them of the value of maintaining their overall well-being.

In its 15th year, BotiCARD has expanded to 27 branches serving provinces across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The pharmacy continues to implement efforts that bring medicines and healthcare services closer to communities, including over-the-counter (OTC) medicine counseling, where pharmacists guide patients on the proper use of medicines.

BotiCARD has also introduced programs such as the BotiCARD Health Plus (BH Plus), which supplies vitamins, maintenance medicine packages, and emergency medicines for CARD clients as part of their insurance, as well as the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) system of medicines and essential supplies for CARD MRI employees.

BotiCARD Chairman Rosenda P. Aquino expressed her gratitude for the pharmacy's milestone. For the past 15 years, BotiCARD has continued to bring affordable and quality medicines closer to communities, and we remain committed to doing so in the years ahead,” she said, reflecting on the pharmacy's healthcare efforts. “We are happy that

BotiCARD has reached 15 years, and will continue exploring healthcare innovations to remain responsive to evolving health needs.”

The celebration also featured free haircut services, free herbal coffee tasting, and raffle promos. Also present during the anniversary program were CARD MRI senior advisers Grace Contreras and Dr. Lorenza dT. Bañez, along with BotiCARD staff and CARD clients.



BotiCARD pharmacists and staff at the Paulino Branch in San Pablo City, Laguna ready to welcome and assist customers purchasing medicines and health supplies during the 15th anniversary celebration.



## DTI LAGUNA SUSTAINS MSME WEEK MOMENTUM WITH MONTH-LONG ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMPAIGN

**VICTORIA, Laguna** — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) is sustaining the momentum of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Week 2026 through a month-long entrepreneurship campaign that expands learning opportunities for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs across Laguna.

Anchored on the theme, “Navigating the Shift: Building Resilient and Future-Ready MSMEs,” the campaign highlights DTI Laguna's continuing efforts to help local enterprises embrace innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable business growth.

While the official observance of MSME Week was held from July 6 to 12, DTI Laguna continues the celebration throughout July through seminars, webinars, and learning sessions led by the Provincial Office and its network of Negosyo Centers.

The campaign opened with a Livelihood Orientation Program in partnership with the Calamba Manpower Development Center and the observance of World Chocolate Day.

Additional activities scheduled throughout the

month will cover topics such as business innovation, digitalization, artificial intelligence, financial literacy, cybersecurity, regulatory compliance, consumer education, and access to government programs and financing.

“MSMEs remain the backbone of Laguna's local economy. Through MSME Week and our continuing entrepreneurship initiatives, we aim to equip entrepreneurs with the knowledge, skills, and government support they need to innovate, adapt, and grow,” said DTI Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan.

The activities are being conducted in partnership with local government units, national government agencies, financial institutions, academic institutions, and private sector organizations, reflecting a collaborative approach to strengthening Laguna's MSME sector.

Interested participants may visit the official Facebook page of the DTI Laguna Provincial Office or coordinate with their nearest Negosyo Center for updates on the remaining activities scheduled throughout July. (ARCALinios, DTI Laguna)

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## SSS...

QUEZON CITY — The Social Security System (SSS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Non-Disclosure Agreement with Standard Economics on 3 July 2026 to support the development and implementation of the SSS Micro Loan Program, also known as SSS LoanLite, a proposed digital microloan facility designed to provide members with faster, safer, and more affordable access to short-term financial assistance.

The initiative is intended to help SSS members access financial support with greater speed, security, and convenience, while strengthening the infrastructure used to assess, distribute, and service financial assistance at scale.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro and Standard Economics President and Chief Executive Officer Evan Stanley Jones inked the MOU to formalize the partnership and leverage the company's Economic Superintelligence platform.

"Standard Economics is honored to support SSS in its mission to serve Filipino workers and their families," said Evan. "Our goal is to provide modern financial infrastructure that helps institutions deliver support faster, safer, and more efficiently. We believe everyday, people deserve access to financial products that are trusted, high quality, and built around their needs."

Standard Economics' Economic Superintelligence platform combines secure financial infrastructure with advanced intelligence systems for identity, AI risk assessment, AI underwriting, payments, AI fraud prevention, and data security. The platform is designed to help governments and

institutions move, allocate, and manage money at population scale while improving the member experience.

De Claro thanked Standard Economics for partnering with SSS to fulfill its mission of serving the Filipino people.

"Your organization may be relatively new to the industry, but it shows a great promise through its innovations that enable faster loan disbursement, lower transaction costs, greater financial inclusion, automated processes and real-time monitoring," he said. "By leveraging blockchain technology and digital payments, you have the potential to be a true game changer."

He noted that the partnership supports President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s vision of positioning the Philippines as open for business in terms of investments, further reinforced by the country's recent classification by the World Bank as an upper middle-income economy.

He also highlighted Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission Chairperson Frederick D. Go's vision of using technology to deliver faster services with lower fees for loan borrowers, adding that he is proud that, through SSS' partnership with Standard Economics, the institution will leverage AI to strengthen security controls and improve advanced audit capabilities in support of the SSS LoanLite Program.

Standard Economics said the Philippines is an important market for its broader mission of expanding access to modern financial services. The company is building financial infrastructure to give everyday people a pathway to economic security, open participation in the modern economy, and long-term wealth creation. #

## DIGITAL...

Over a hundred farmers, fisherfolk, and small business owners across the province of Laguna are now ready to become digital entrepreneurs, through a training conducted by the International Trade Centre (ITC) under the Digital-PINAS initiative, or the Joint Programme on Inclusive, Competitive, and Responsible Digital Philippines.

Digital-PINAS brings community-based MSME workshops to local communities, with support from sole telco partner PLDT and Smart through the group's #KonektedforLivelihoods initiative. In the workshops conducted in the towns of Santa Cruz, Pila, Victoria, and Los Baños, PLDT and Smart representatives held sessions on smartphone photography and cybersecurity awareness, to enable participants to better showcase their products online, while protecting themselves from falling victim to online scams. The Group also distributed Smart Prepaid pocket wifi units and load cards to support the sessions.

"True digital transformation in the countryside isn't about giving small business owners complicated software they don't need. It is about taking the fear out of technology and showing a farmer or a local food vendor that a smartphone can be a powerful tool to protect their daily harvest, reach new buyers, and secure their family's income right from their farms or kitchen tables. But without internet connectivity, bringing this digital transformation to the most in need is challenging. We are proud to count PLDT and Smart as our partner in supporting internet access during our trainings under Digital-PINAS and enhancing the connectivity of small businesses across the Philippines," said Lorna Bondoc, Lead ITC Digital Expert, Digital-PINAS.

"Our participation in Digital-PINAS reflects the PLDT Group's broader commitment to inclusive growth, particularly for communities that have long faced barriers to en-

try in the digital economy. But our role goes beyond connectivity, because these sessions are meant to give the participants both the skills and the confidence to compete as digital entrepreneurs," said Stephanie V. Orino, AVP and Head of Stakeholder Engagement at PLDT and Smart.

In Santa Cruz, the logo creation and smartphone photography modules gave members of the Coalition Alliance of Farmers in Santa Cruz, Laguna the foundation to begin building their online presence. "From being 'just farmers', our members can now become farmer-entrepreneurs," said Queen Anino, Secretary of CAFSCL. In Pila, 40 farmer-MSMEs and local business owners, including members of the Pila Laguna Agriculture Cooperative, applied smartphone photography techniques to their own products on-site.

In Victoria, women entrepreneurs Jennifer Soria of Momshie Jen's Bites and Filominas Espiritu of Pinky's Pasalubong learned to improve their products' appearance on social media.

In Los Baños, cooperative leaders from the Municipal Cooperative Development Council and partner organizations learned the correct process of practical product photography. "This is excellent training for entrepreneurs like us," according to Rafael J. Jumawid, Vice Chairman of the council.

Through its #KonektedforLivelihoods, the PLDT Group partners with like-minded institutions like the ITC through initiatives like Digital-PINAS, to help advance digital entrepreneurship among MSMEs. Digital-PINAS is funded by the UN Sustainable Development Goals Fund with generous contributions from the European Union, and implemented by ITC, the International Labour Organization, and the UN Development Programme, alongside key government agencies led by the Department of Information and Communications Technology.

## DTI LAGUNA, SB CORP EQUIP WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WITH BUSINESS, FINANCING SUPPORT

### INBOX SUMMARIZE THIS EMAIL



CABUYAO, Laguna — Thirty-five women entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners enhanced their business and financial management knowledge during the "Abante Babae, Abante Bisnes! Financial and Business Freedom via DTI and SB Corporation" seminar conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) on July 13, 2026 in celebration of the 51st Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development Week.

The seminar introduced participants to DTI's business development programs and services, including Business Name Registration, Barangay Micro Business Enterprise (BMBE) Registration Assistance, business advisory services, capability-building programs, and consumer welfare initiatives aimed at helping enterprises formalize operations and improve business competitiveness.

To help address one of the persistent challenges faced by MSMEs, representatives from SB Corporation (SB Corp) discussed the agency's financing programs, including available loan facilities, eligibility requirements, and application procedures. The orientation provided participants with information on accessible financing options for business start-up, expansion, and recovery.

An open forum followed, allowing participants to raise business concerns and receive guidance directly from DTI and SB Corp resource persons on available government assistance and business-related concerns.

The activity forms part of DTI Laguna's continuing efforts to strengthen the capacity of women entrepreneurs by improving access to government business development services and financing opportunities. It likewise supports the objectives of the annual MSME Development Week celebration, which highlights the vital role of MSMEs in generating employment, driving innovation, and contributing to inclusive economic growth. (CMEALvarez, DTI Laguna)



## PHILHEALTH...

LUCENA CITY, Quezon (PIA) — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has called on media practitioners to help strengthen public awareness of government health programs, underscoring the media's crucial role in ensuring that more Filipinos understand and avail themselves of the healthcare benefits provided under the government's Universal Health Care program.

During the Kapihan sa PIA Quezon on July 8, PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A Field Operations Division Chief Arturo Ardiente emphasized that media organizations are indispensable partners in bringing accurate and timely health information closer to communities.

"Kailangan namin ang tulong ninyo, aming mga media partners, dahil kayo ang multipliers of information. With your influence, mas marami pa nating mamamayan ang maaabot at mabibigyan ng tamang impormasyon tungkol sa mga programa at benepisyo ng PhilHealth," Ardiente said.

PhilHealth reported that, as of June 2026, its population coverage in CALABARZON has reached more than 10 million members, equivalent to 96 percent of the region's population.

Meanwhile, Maria Theresa G. Liwanag, MD, head of the Benefits Administration Section, said the agency has already released P17,516,122,265.25 in benefit payments as of June 2026, reflecting the continued utilization of PhilHealth benefits by members across the region.

The agency is also intensifying the implementation of the Yaman

ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) through the continuous accreditation of healthcare providers. At present, CALABARZON has 303 accredited YAKAP providers in Cavite, Laguna, and Quezon, expanding access to preventive and primary healthcare services.

Ardiente acknowledged that promoting PhilHealth remains challenging because its services are intangible until members personally experience their benefits. He stressed that sustained information campaigns, with the support of media partners, are essential in encouraging more Filipinos to register under YAKAP and maximize the preventive healthcare services available to them.

To ensure that members receive quality services, PhilHealth regularly monitors accredited health facilities implementing the YAKAP. Dr. Daisy Apolinar, head of the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Section, said the agency reviews clinical charts to verify that patients receive the required consultations, laboratory procedures, prescribed medicines from accredited GAMOT providers, and other services covered by the program.

PhilHealth also conducts patient satisfaction surveys to evaluate members' experiences in availing of services, including the quality of healthcare provided, the performance of healthcare workers, and the overall treatment received in accredited facilities. The agency expressed confidence that with the continued support of media partners, more Filipinos will become aware of their healthcare entitlements and gain greater access to quality health services. (CCM – PIA CALABARZON)

## CAVITE JOINS REGIONAL LAUNCH OF 2026 NUTRITION MONTH



TANZA, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Provincial Nutrition Committee (PNC), joined the National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON and the Municipal Government of Tanza in launching the 2026 Nutrition Month celebration on July 6.

Anchored on the theme, "Sa PPAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat: Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, Ating Pangalagaan!", the regional launch highlighted the connection between proper nutrition, food security, and environmental sustainability in achieving the goals of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023–2028.

The celebration began with a symbolic tree-planting activity in Barangay Tres Cruces, emphasizing the importance of environmental protection and sustainable food systems in ensuring better nutrition for future generations. Members of regional, provincial, municipal, and barangay nutrition committees participated in the activity alongside local officials and community partners.

The formal program continued at the Tanza Convention Center, where nutrition stakeholders from across CALABARZON gathered to reaffirm their commitment to strengthening nutrition programs and promoting climate-responsive and sustainable food systems.

Representing Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, Provincial Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya Bautista, co-chairperson of the Cavite Provincial Nutrition Committee, encouraged all sectors to actively support Nutrition Month initiatives, stressing that food and nutrition security require collective action.

During the technical session, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Lourdes Bulante-Orongan emphasized that improving nutrition requires a whole-of-society approach. Participants were encouraged to reduce food waste, support local food production, adopt climate-smart practices, and help build more resilient food systems.

Participants also joined a Pledge of Commitment led by DILG Cavite OIC Provincial Director Marcial A. Juangco and placed their written commitments on a symbolic "Tree of Life."

Another highlight was the opening of the Nutrition Month Marketplace, which showcased locally produced agricultural goods, nutritious food products, and community livelihood initiatives from across CALABARZON. The Tanza Municipal Nutrition Committee also recognized outstanding barangay nutrition program implementers and HAPAG gardens.

Through its participation in the regional launch, the Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to advancing nutrition-sensitive and environmentally sustainable programs aimed at building healthier and more resilient communities across the province.

## CAYETANO...

Senator-judge Alan Peter Cayetano urged his fellow senator-judges to avoid asking questions that could affect fairness on Vice President Sara Duterte's impeachment trial, saying even well-intentioned questions may unintentionally influence the proceedings.

Cayetano made the remark after the impeachment court discussed Tuesday's exchange involving a question from Senator-judge Risa Hontiveros that prompted private prosecutor Amando Virgil Ligutan to deliver what some senator-judges described as a closing argument ahead of time.

To address the issue, Presiding Officer Francis Escudero allowed the defense to respond with the same amount of time given to the prosecution.

Cayetano said he accepts the presiding officer's ruling but stressed that similar questions should no longer be asked because they could give one side an advantage.

Throughout the first week of the impeachment trial, Cayetano consistently emphasized adherence to the Senate's rules and due process, saying these are essential to ensuring a fair and credible trial, a position he has vowed to uphold as the proceedings continue.

"Prudence dictates that we stop ourselves from asking certain questions that can prejudice the whole trial whether or not our intention is to do so," he said.

Cayetano said the way a

senator-judge frames a question could already favor either the prosecution or the defense.

He acknowledged that being a senator-judge comes with the reality that whatever they say during the proceedings could be viewed as lawyering for one side or the other.

What should be avoided, he stressed, are questions that could give either party an unfair advantage or affect the fairness of the trial.

As an example, he said it would also be unfair if a senator-judge asked the prosecution to explain why the impeachment case was merely a political vendetta or why Congress was investigating Vice President Duterte instead of flood control projects.

"When we ask the questions, we will make sure it doesn't prejudice the whole trial. Whatever we say here, there will be accusations of lawyering for the prosecution or defense, OK lang iyon," he said.

He also urged the impeachment court to give both the prosecution and the defense enough room to present their positions as long as it does not affect the integrity of the proceedings.

"Let's give each other leeway, but only to the point that the trial will not disintegrate into a political fiasco or circus," he said. ###



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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor, **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, with business address at Bank of the Philippine Islands, 28/F, Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 2, Paseo de Roxas cor Makati Avenue, Bel-Air, Makati City, against the Respondents-Mortgagors-Borrowers, **SPS. AMELITA ASTEJADA PASCUAL and HERNAN MANESE PASCUAL**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 220 Purok Silangan, Dela Paz (Pob), City of Antipolo, Rizal and (2) Block 24, Lot 26, Phase 1, Amaia Scapes Trece Martires, Brgy. Conchu, City of Trece Martires, Cavite, both herein represented by Analyn A. Astijada, a.k.a. Analyn Avancenian Astijada, with residence and postal address at 41 Road 21, Unit 5 Cogeo Village, Bagong Nayon, City of Antipolo, Rizal, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 27, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PESOS and 85/100 (Php1,378,548.85)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 07, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 077-2024002291

**Lot No. 26 Block No. 24 Plan No. Pcs-04-231572**  
**Portion of:** LOT 2964, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE  
**Location:** BARANGAY OF CONCHU, CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

| Boundaries: |           |                                 |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| LINE        | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S)                |
| 1-2-3       | SW        | ROAD LOT 26, PSD-04-231572      |
| 3-4         | NW        | LOT 27, BLOCK 24, PSD-04-231572 |
| 4-5         | NE        | LOT 15, BLOCK 24, PSD-04-231572 |
| 5-6         | NE        | LOT 16, BLOCK 24, PSD-04-231572 |
| 6-1         | SE        | LOT 25, BLOCK 24, PSD-04-231572 |

Area: **FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), more or less**

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on **August 20, 2026** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, July 03, 2026.

(SGD) RICARDO A. TOLEDO  
Sheriff IV

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**BPI LEGAL DIVISION**  
Counsel for the Petitioner- Mortgagee

**BPI BUENDIA CENTER**  
27th Floor, BPI Buendia Center Bldg.  
372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City

**SPS. AMELITA A. PASCUAL & HERNAN M. PASCUAL**  
(1) 220 Purok Silangan, Dela Paz (Pob), City of Antipolo, Rizal  
(2) Block 24, Lot 26, Phase 1, Amaia Scapes Trece Martires, Brgy. Conchu, City of Trece Martires, Cavite

**MS. ANALYN A. ASTIJADA**  
41 Road 21, Unit 5 Cogeo Village, Bagong Nayon, City of Antipolo, Rizal

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-330-26

-versus-

**SPS. GRETCHEN AGABIN PASCO and PAUL BRYAN PASCO**,  
Mortgagors/Debtors.  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **SECURITY BANK CORPORATION**, with business address at Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagors/Debtors, **SPS. GRETCHEN AGABIN PASCO AND PAUL BRYAN PASCO**, represented herein by **Rosalino Gumiram Limun as Attorney-in-Fact**, with addresses on record at (1) Purok 5, Aggub, Cabagan, Isabela and (2) Glenbrook Phase 2, Block 4, Lot 5, Barangay Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 1, 2026** amounts to **FIVE MILLION TWENTY THOUSAND SEVENTY PESOS and 12/100 (Php5,020,070.12)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 07, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2023059520

**Lot No.: 5 Block No. 4 Plan No. Pcs-04-030060**  
**Portion of:** Lot 1837-C, (LRC) Psd-105017, Lots 1943-A & 1943-B, (LRC) Psd-155964; Lot 1836-New (FRS-04-005697); Lots 1950 (FRS-04-005717) & 3421, all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

**Location:** Barangay of Pasong Camachile, City of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

| Boundaries: |           |                               |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| LINE        | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S)              |
| 1-2         | NE        | Lot 6, Block 4 Pcs-04-030060  |
| 2-3         | SE        | Lot 3, Block 4, Pcs-04-030060 |
| 3-4         | SW        | Road Lot 10, Pcs-04-030060    |
| 4-1         | NW        | Lot 7, Block 4, Pcs-04-030060 |

Area: **ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, more or less**

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

Trece Martires City, July 03, 2026.

(SGD) RICARDO A. TOLEDO  
Sheriff IV

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**SPS. GRETCHEN A. PASCO & PAUL BRYAN PASCO**  
(1) Purok 5, Aggub, Cabagan, Isabela  
(2) Glenbrook Phase 2, Block 4, Lot 5, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-301-26

-versus-

**FERVY GRACE ESCALANTE**,  
Debtor/Mortgagor.  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **FERVY GRACE ESCALANTE**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) No. 396 Block 9, Kalayaan Avenue, Rembo (West), Makati City (currently occupied by third party) and (2) Block 3, Lot 15, Phase 3, Westwood, Brgy. Tapia, General Trias, Cavite (abandoned property), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **March 16, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY SIX PESOS and 93/100 (Php1,628,396.93)** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 7, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021019531

**Lot No. 15 Block: 3 Plan No. Pcs-04-031444**  
**Portion of:** Block 17, Pcs- 04-029302, Lot 1930, FRS-04-005921; Lot 1931, FRS-04-005433; Lot 3049, SFDM Estate, Decree No. 4270, LRC Record No. 5964  
**Location:** Barangay of Tapia, City of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

| Boundaries: |           |                                 |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| LINE        | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S)                |
| 1-2         | NW        | Lot 14, Block 3, Pcs-04-031444  |
| 2-3         | NE        | Lot 172, Block 9, Pcs-04-029302 |
| 3-4         | SE        | Lot 16, Block 3, Pcs-04-031444  |
| 4-1         | SW        | Road Lot 5, Pcs-04-031444       |

Area: **FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, more or less**

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Trece Martires City, July 03, 2026.

(SGD) JOANNAH AVIGAIL F. CRISOLOGO-TIMKANG  
Sheriff IV

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**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**  
**CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT**  
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas  
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

**MS. FERVY GRACE ESCALANTE**  
(1) No. 396 Block 9, Kalayaan Avenue, Rembo (West), Makati

City  
(2) Block 3, Lot 15, Phase 3, Westwood, Brgy. Tapia, General Trias, Cavite

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-389-26

-versus-

**SPS. GALVERT G. VIRTUDAZO AND VANISSA D. VIRTUDAZO**,  
Debtors/Mortgagors.  
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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2020005761

**Lot No.: 52 Block: 3 Plan No. Pcs-04-029303**  
**Portion of:** Lots 1934; 1935; 1937, SFDM Estate; Lot 1938-A, 1938-B; Lot 1938-C; 1938-D; Psd-04-039215 (OLT); Lot 1843-K-1; Lot 1843-K-2, Psd-04-214642; Lot 1843-L, BSD-04-002119 (OLT), Lot 1843-M-1 Lot 1843-M-2, psd-04-156470 & Block 18, Pcs-04-029302, Decreed No.4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964  
**Location:** Barangay of Pasong Camachile, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite

| Boundaries: |           |                                |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| LINE        | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S)               |
| 1-2         | SE        | Lot 51, Block 3, Pcs-04-029303 |
| 2-3         | SW        | Road Lot 7, Pcs-04-029303      |
| 3-4         | NW        | Lot 53, Block 3, Pcs-04-029303 |
| 4-1         | NE        | Lot 21, Block 3, Pcs-04-029303 |

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Trece Martires City, July 03, 2026.

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Sheriff IV

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**SPS. GALVERT G. VIRTUDAZO & VANISSA D. VIRTUDAZO**  
**MR. RYAN T. VIRTUDAZO**  
Matin-ao, Sierra Bullones, Bohol  
Lot 52, Block 3, Brighton Phase 1, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite  
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NOTICE

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF LITA N. CARGO

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LITA N. CARGO**, who died intestate on June 13, 2026, consisting of a deposit/current account with Land Bank of the Philippines in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX PESOS and 59/100 (Php 520,536.59)**, has been extrajudicially settled equally among her legal heirs, namely **JEFFREY N. CARGO and JACKIELYN N. CARGO** executed on June 28, 2026, and acknowledged before Notary Public **Atty. Tanya G. Lingat**, under PTR No. PAM 6280351E Doc. No. 3355; Page No. 52; Book XVII; Series of 2026.

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