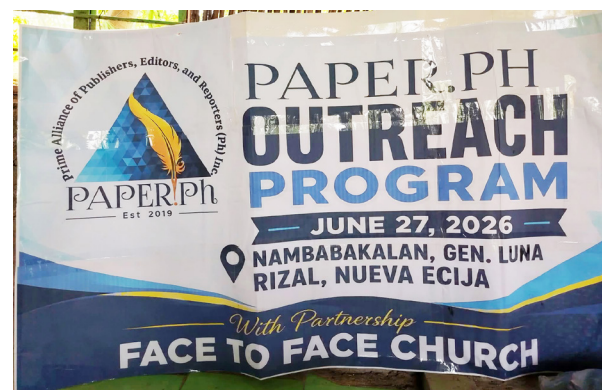


PAPER.PH, TOG 3 PAF, Face to Face Church Bring Aid to Nueva Ecija Community



RIZAL, Nueva Ecija — Demonstrating the spirit of volunteerism and community service, the Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors, & Reporters (PAPER.PH), Inc., in partnership with the Tactical Operations Group 3 of the Philippine Air Force (TOG 3 PAF) and Face to Face Church, successfully conducted a community outreach program on June 27 in Sitio Nambakalan, Barangay General Luna, Rizal, Nueva Ecija.



The outreach activity benefited dozens of families by providing essential goods and basic necessities aimed at improving the daily lives of residents. Distributed during the program were hygiene kits, lunch boxes, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing, shoes, bags, wash basins, dippers, hangers, and food packs. Breakfast and lunch were likewise served to all participants, fostering a sense of fellowship and unity among volunteers and community members.



At least 30 schoolchildren received hygiene kits and lunch boxes to help support their health, cleanliness, and school-related needs. Meanwhile, mothers in the community were provided with household items such as wash basins, dippers, and hangers to assist them in their daily household activities.



According to PAPER.PH, Inc., all the assistance distributed during the outreach was made possible through the collective contributions, fundraising efforts, and personal donations of its officers and members. The organization emphasized that the activity reflects its continuing commitment to extending meaningful assistance and bringing hope to underserved communities.



The outreach program was conducted with the support of the Tactical Operations Group 3 of the Philippine Air Force under the leadership of Col. Juji Grant D. Generalao, PAF (GSC), Group Commander, whose personnel actively participated in the distribution of relief items and engagement with residents. Face to Face Church, led by Ms. Sharry Ann S. Ganareal, also played a vital role in the success of the activity through its volunteers and community support.

Beyond the distribution of goods, the outreach program strengthened the bonds among volunteers, partner organizations, and the local community, demonstrating how collaboration between civic organizations, faith-based groups, and the Armed Forces can create a meaningful and lasting impact.

Organizers expressed their gratitude to everyone who donated their time, resources, and efforts, noting that acts of compassion and unity continue to inspire hope and make a positive difference in the lives of families facing various challenges.



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DEPED EYES UPDATED PROTOCOL, MORE POLICE PRESENCE VS SCHOOL VIOLENCE

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Tuesday underscored the need for an updated safety protocol and increased police visibility following consecutive reports of violence in public schools.

During his visit to the San Jose National High School in Tacloban City, Leyte, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara expressed concerns over three separate incidents

of in-campus violence in Tacloban City, General Trias City and Cavite City involving children in conflict with the law (CICL). “Hindi lang siya peace and order problem. Tingin namin, kailangang i-man-

age din iyang mga bata kasi exposed sila (It's not just a peace and order problem. We see the need to manage our youth because they are exposed) to a lot of violence online,” Angara said in an ambush interview.

“We're very concerned na ayaw natin, kasi nga mayroon sa US na pangrang may (we don't want it because in the United

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Advanced Notice for Mandatory Claim Form 5 (CF5) Submissions for the Shadow Billing of Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG)

For all accredited inpatient health facilities (infirmaries and levels 1-3 hospitals), please be advised that the submission of Claim Form 5 (CF5) shall be a mandatory attachment for the claims of all patients discharged August 1, 2026 onwards. Upon effectivity, all claims without a valid CF5 attached shall not be accepted by PhilHealth for submission. A PhilHealth Circular detailing these rules shall be released accordingly.

Mandatory CF5 submissions shall be done in efforts to expedite the collection of data needed to develop the Philippine Diagnosis-Related Groups (PHL-DRG) system. Furthermore, the submission of the CF5 is an exercise that would help facilities become accustomed to how PhilHealth will require inpatient claims to be documented once DRG-based payments are implemented.

Health facilities may refer to PhilHealth Circular No. 2024-0006 entitled, "Implementation of Shadow Billing for the Transition to Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG) (Revision 1)," and its succeeding revisions, to be guided on the implementation of Shadow Billing. They may also refer to the DRG Implementation Manual published on PhilHealth's official website (https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/about_us/ under "Medical Literature") for supplementary information on DRGs and Shadow Billing.

For further assistance, please coordinate with your respective DRG Representative from the PhilHealth Regional Office or contact the PhilHealth Corporate Action Center at (02) 8662-2588 or actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph.

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Date signed: June 18, 2026

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States, there seem to have) copycat killings," he said.

He said updated safety guidelines to "minimize loss and deaths" due to school violence-related incidents.

"I think what we have now, ano 'yung (is to identify the) protocol, which we never had before, 'yung protocol kapag mamamaril na (the protocol when there's an active shooter)," Angara said.

"It's something we never thought was applicable, pero mayroon palang ganyang (but there's that kind of) protocol, we just have to update it."

The need for heightened police visibility was also cited to help deter possible in-campus violence.

"Increased police visibility. Nagpapasalamat tayo kay PNP (Philippine National Police) chief (Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr.) na nabanggit niya 'yung (for mentioning) increased police visibility," Angara said, citing sentiments of teachers that police presence serves as an effective deterrent to school-related violence.

He also urged public

school teachers to be more attentive to learners' behaviors and situations.

"Ang mensahe ko sa ating mga guro at principal na talagang parang magulang na tayo dito (My message to our teachers and principals is we are really like second parents here)," he said.

"Kinu-kumusta natin dapat 'yung mga bata at tinitingnan kung may aberya, may problema, hindi regular 'yung bata (We must check on the children if there are glitches, problems, or something irregular in their behavior)."

According to the DepEd, three died in the tragic shooting at San Jose National High School, while 20 others were injured.

A Grade 11 learner, meanwhile, was reportedly stabbed by a schoolmate in Cavite City on June 19; while seven others were also attacked by a knife-wielding schoolmate in General Trias City on June 16.

Values development

Meanwhile, the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP)

on Tuesday urged government agencies to prioritize character development and values of students amid several incidents in schools.

In a statement, the group asked the DepEd and the Commission on Higher Education to focus not only on the academic achievement and work-force readiness of learners, but also in developing their well-being.

"These recent events further remind us that education reform must continue to uphold a holistic view of the learner - one that advances academic achievement and work-force readiness while also nurturing character, values, emotional well-being, and social responsibility," it said

The organization of Catholic schools expressed alarm over the violent incidents inside educational institutions that resulted in deaths.

"These tragic events, which claimed lives and inflicted serious injuries, mark a harrowing escalation from bullying and peer conflicts to outright killings," it said.

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CARD MRI HOSTS MEDIA LAKBAY ARAL IN CDO



As part of the PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program, Jaime Bedro (first from left) is seen cooking chicharon while being interviewed and photographed by media practitioners.

Thirteen media practitioners from Northern Mindanao joined the second leg of the 2026 PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program from May 25 to 27, 2026, held at Cagayan de Oro City. The program aims to expose media practitioners to CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) programs, highlighting its efforts to eradicate poverty.

"CARD MRI's mission has always been anchored on its commitment to poverty eradication and finding ways to better serve our clients through products and services that truly respond to their needs," said CARD MRI Publishing House President Marilyn Magampon Manila. "We aim to work closely with like-minded media practitioners to help amplify this message and, in doing so, raise greater public awareness of the meaningful impact of microfinance in improving lives and communities," she added.

Participants were Panguil Bay Journalist COO Cyril Cabrera; Malindang Newsline Mobile Journalist Cush Berenguel; Misamis Network News Mobile Journalist Glenn Ray Roluma; RMN INC News Director Menzie Montes; Radyo Asenso 106.7 Mobile Journalist Yvonne Berenguel; Radyo Trumpeta Anchorman Ercel Maandig; DXCC RMN Newswriter and Reporter Joanna Mae Ricote; RMN DXIC Iligan Station Manager Ghiner Cabanday; PBS Radyo Pilipinas Broadcast Program Producer Sharif Timhar Habib Majid; Philippine News Agency Bureau Chief Nef Lucson; Net25 Correspondent Laura Pobadora; MisOr Radyo Media Events Marketing Director/Reporter Stephanie Berganio; and Malindang Newscooper Mobile Journalist Nyce Grace Cabajar.

To provide them with a deeper understanding of how CARD MRI reaches and serves communities, participants were divided into two groups for the center meeting visits. The first group visited the CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) Balulang 1A center,

while the second group visited the CARD SME Bank Piaping Puti center. During the visits, participants observed how center meetings are conducted and how financial transactions, such as loan repayments, are carried out without the need to travel to offices or banks, an advantage especially to those living in far-flung areas.

Several CARD MRI offices located in Cagayan de Oro were also visited during the tour, including CARD, Inc., CARD SME Bank, CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), and CARD Pioneer Microinsurance Inc. (CPMI). Through their visit, they learned how these institutions work closely together to provide inclusive support to clients and the communities they serve.

In addition to learning about CARD MRI's operations, they had the opportunity to interact with several clients whom the organization has assisted, such as the couple, Jaime and Candelaria Bedro. They conducted a product demonstration of chicharon, a snack made from fried pork skin, and longanisa, a sweet, garlicky pork sausage.

They also had the taste of the traditional Filipino snacks, puto maya and sikwate, prepared by Nice Nanol, a CARD SME Bank client for more than 15 years.

The itinerary also included a storytelling session for children led by CARD MRI Publishing House, featuring its children's book Ang Lapis ni Anya. With 21 children in attendance, the activity promoted literacy and a love of reading, encouraging young learners to develop positive reading habits and reduce excessive screen time.

On the final day, participants gathered for a media briefing to clarify any questions or concerns they had about CARD MRI's operations. Present during the briefing were CARD MBA Deputy Director for Operations Janicekith Navera, CARD MBA Cluster Manager Ann Jaraine Balacuit, CARD MBA Provincial Manager Francis Ann Vargas, CARD SME Bank Area Manager Mark Ordiz, CARD SME Bank Acting Area Manager Mary Chris Momville, CARD Pioneer Provincial Leader Joyceee Sano, CARD Pioneer FPRO Joecil Abenoja, and CARD, Inc. Unit Managers Mary Ann Buhoy, April Jane Adec, and Ritchel Santua.

The third leg of PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program for media is scheduled to take place in Laguna in August 2026.



30 NA MAGSASAKA SA SARIAYA, SINANAY SA INTEGRATED NUTRIENT & PEST MANAGEMENT SA PAGPAPALAY



Upang mapataas ang kalidad at mapalaganap ang tamang pamamahala ng pataba at peste sa pagpapalay, sinanay ng DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON ang 30 magsasaka mula sa bayan ng Sariaya, Quezon ukol sa makabagong pamamaraan ng integrated nutrient and pest management (INPM).

Katuwang ang DA-CALABARZON Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation Program (F2C2), Regional Crop Protection Center (RCPC) IV-A, at DA-Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) Los Baños, ginanap ang "Blockbuster Rice Innovation: Advancing Knowledge on Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management Technologies" sa F&D Agriculture and Livelihood Training Center OPC, Brgy. Mamala II, Sariaya, Quezon noong Hunyo 15-18, 2026.

Aktuwal na nasaksihan ng mga kalahok ang paggamit ng iba't ibang diagnostic tools ng INPM gaya ng Minus-One Element Technique (MOET) at Leaf Color Chart (LCC). Inilahad din ang importansya ng tamang pagkilala sa mga sakit at peste ng palay, maging sa mga kakampi na insekto sa sakahan.

"Sa pagsasanay na ito, marami po akong napagtanto. Isa na rito ang katotohanang hindi pala tayo dapat makulong sa mga nakagawian nating pamamaraan sa pagsasaka dahil mayroon nang mga makabagong teknolohiya at pamamaraan na makatutulong upang mapataas ang ani, mabawasan ang gastos, at mapalawak ang ating kaalaman sa tamang pamamahala ng sakit at peste ng palay," pagbabahagi ni Edilberto Panaligan, magsasaka mula sa nasabing bayan.

Nagsilbing mga tagapagsanay sina Engr. Virginia Ompad, Engr. Nicanor Yadan, Bb. Alexandria Czarrina Carandang, Bb. Rhea Grace Malapascua, Bb. Uela Grace Merin, G. East Cosme, at G. Renz Lloyd Emprese mula sa DA-PhilRice Los Baños.

Pinaunlakan naman nina Dir. Rhemilyn Relado-Sevilla, Branch Director ng DA-PhilRice Los Baños; Bb. Amalita Amores, OIC-Municipal Agriculturist ng Sariaya; at Dr. Ruben de Gracia, Jr., Executive Assistant III at kinatawan ni Sariaya Mayor Marivic Gayeta ang pagtatapos ng pagsasanay at nagbigay ng pangwakas na mensahe sa mga kalahok.



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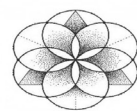
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ENCHANTED KINGDOM CELEBRATES TRAVEL AND TOUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS THROUGH GRAND FIESTA-THEMED APPRECIATION EVENT



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, continues to strengthen its forever enchanted ties with the travel and tourism sector as it honored industry partners at its 21st Tour Operators and Partners Appreciation Party.

Keeping the momentum of its 30th anniversary celebration alive, the Laguna-based theme park took its annual gathering for both new and longtime affiliated tour operators and travel agencies to greater heights with a grand Flores de Mayo-themed event that showcased the beauty and richness of Filipino culture and tradition last May 29.



EK set the festive mood with a colorful Sagala parade around the Park, featuring representatives from select tour operators dressed in vibrant gowns and accompanied by the lively tunes of the Muntinlupa Black Diamond marching band. Miss Universe Philippines Laguna titleholders Eloisa Jauod and Ysabel Prats were also present, adding even more enchantment and elegance to the festivities. The event proper was held at the Enchanting Events Place, where EK recognized its long-time partners, as well as the top-performing contributors whose efforts helped expand the park's reach to more Filipino travelers across the country from 2025 to 2026.

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"It is only fitting that we recognize each and every one of our partners for their valuable contributions in helping us attain our objectives over the past year, especially in bringing groups and schools to Enchanted Kingdom. We are grateful for the continued partnership throughout the years, and we look forward to an even stronger and more successful 2026," said EK Chairman and President Cesar Mario O. Mamon.



Further underscoring its commitment of expanding tourism and leisure opportunities for both domestic and international travelers, EK also shared its full-year lineup of upcoming events, park developments, and offerings to the attending partners. The celebration featured musical performances from EK's homegrown talents SMS and Kingsmen, alongside special guests such as multi-talented OPM artist Ronnie Liang and The Voice Kids Philippines Season 1 grand champion Lyca Gairanod. Attendees also had the chance to win exciting freebies and major prizes through raffle giveaways, with a giant pabitin serving as the event's surprise finale.



INDANG STRENGTHENS ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCES



INDANG, Cavite — The Municipal Government of Indang took a significant step toward strengthening environmental protection with the ceremonial signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of four environmental ordinances on June 29.

Mayor Virgilio F. Fidel led the signing ceremony, marking the formal implementation of measures designed to promote environmental conservation, proper waste management, and responsible practices among residents. The IRRs provide clear guidelines for enforcing local ordinances on illegal garbage dumping, open burning, solid waste management, and the regulation of single-use plastics in the municipality.

The ordinances covered include the prohibition of dumping garbage in canals, esteros, roads, and other areas; the ban on open burning; the Municipal Solid Waste Management Code; and the adoption of the Provincial Ordinance regulating the use of plastics while promoting eco-friendly alternatives such as reusable bags.

Following the signing ceremony, a capacity development training was conducted for deputized enforcement officers who will oversee the implementation of the ordinances. The training, led by Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) Alona M. Yap and Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environment Chairperson Hon. John Mark Cayao, focused on strengthening the knowledge and preparedness of law enforcers to ensure the fair, consistent, and effective implementation of the environmental laws.

Municipal officials emphasized that the initiative reflects Indang's continuing commitment to building a cleaner, greener, and more environmentally responsible community. Through stronger policies and well-trained implementers, the local government aims to encourage greater public participation in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable practices for future generations.

SSS...

QUEZON CITY - The Social Security System (SSS) and OFW Council of Leaders signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 22 June 2026 to promote social security coverage among Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Saudi Arabia and their families, as part of the SSS' efforts to expand membership among OFWs in the Middle East.

OFW Council of Leaders Director-General Mofiedah R. Daknash (3rd from left) and SSS Vice President for Asia, Americas and Pacific Operations Division Paul Erik D. Manalo (4th from left) led the signing of the MOU, which mobilizes more than 100 Filipino group leaders in Saudi Arabia to encourage migrant workers to become SSS members and secure social protection for themselves

and their families.

Also present during the MOU signing were OFW Council of Leaders Member Ruby Dizon (2nd from left), together with other SSS officials Acting Executive Vice President for Branch Operations Sector Antonio S. Argabioso (6th from left), Acting Vice President for Middle East and Europe Operations Division Roberto V. Roldan (1st from left), and Overseas Filipino Workers Management Department Manager III Francis Paolo P. Lazaro (5th from left).

Manalo said the MOU signing marks a milestone, as the OFW Council of Leaders is the first Filipino community group network in the Middle East to enter a formal partnership with the SSS to promote its programs and services.#

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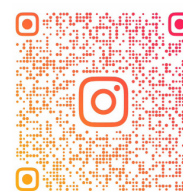
BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacoer, in partnership with Friendly-Care Foundation Inc., will conduct a Reproductive Health Outreach Mission on July 14, 2026, in line with the observance of World Population Day, providing free reproductive health services to women in the city.

The outreach mission will be held at Revilla Hall, 3rd Floor, Bacoer City Hall, starting at 7:30 a.m., and will offer free Progestin-only implant insertion, Pap smear, and breast examination on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to limited slots.

The initiative aims to promote women's health by providing access to essential reproductive health-care services, encouraging early detection of cervical and breast diseases, and supporting informed family planning decisions. Health professionals will also be available to provide consultations and guidance on reproductive health concerns.

City officials encouraged eligible Bacoerños to take advantage of the free medical services, emphasizing the importance of regular health screenings and preventive care in maintaining overall well-being.

Interested participants may contact 0991-4050-164 for inquiries and additional information regarding the outreach mission.



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Nanawagan si Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Martes sa mga Pilipino na magkaisa sa panalangin para sa bansa, dahil aniya, ang pagbangon ng bansa ay dapat magsumula sa pagbabalik sa mga prinsipyong nakasaad sa preamble ng 1987 Konstitusyon. Ang panawagang ito ay kasabay ng pagtitipon ng libu-libong Pilipino sa EDSA para sa isang lightning rally nitong June 30.

Sa isang Facebook livestream, binanggit ni Cayetano ang Konstitusyon at sinabi niyang ito ay nagpapakita ng pagkakaisang pinahalagahan ng lahat ng Pilipino anuman ang relihiyon. "We, the sovereign Filipino people, imploring the aid of Almighty God, in order to build a just and humane society... do ordain and promulgate this Constitution," wika niya. Binigyang diin ni Cayetano na hindi dapat isantabi ang pananampalataya sa mga usapin tungkol sa pamamahala, pero nilinaw din niya na hindi dapat angkinin ng kahit anong grupong pulitikal ang Diyos.

"Hindi natin pwedeng tangalin ang Panginoon sa ating usapan. In fact, we should all be on His side," wika niya. "Because without moral foundations, without a moral compass," mawawala ang direksyon ng lipunan at gobyerno. Sa kanyang panalangin kasama ang manonood, hiniling ni Cayetano sa Diyos na palutangan ang mga lider na may prinsipyo sa iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan upang magtaguyod ng katotohanan at katarungan.

"Lord, we ask for your forgiveness... We ask,

that as we seek your kingdom and righteousness, you raise up the right leaders. Leaders, Lord, sa bawat pamilya, sa bawat simbahan, sa business community, sa health sector, sa media, leaders sa entertainment, sa ating gobyerno na ipaglalaban po ang katotohanan," wika niya.

Nanawagan din si Cayetano ng pagkakaisa ng mga Pilipino sa kabila ng pagkakaiba-iba sa pananampalataya, at nagpahayag ng pag-asa para sa mas magandang kinabukasan ng bansa. "At kung ano pa ang relihon ng ating mga kababayan, we join them in the desire for a better Philippines, in the desire for justice," wika niya.

Hinimok ng Minority Leader ang mga Pilipino na sabayan ang panalangin ng pagkilos sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pakikilahok sa mga usaping pambansa habang nirerespeto ang Konstitusyon at ang batas. "Prayers move mountains... Participate in your own way. If what you can do is pray, then pray... If you have WhatsApp or Viber groups, use them to help open our fellow Filipinos' eyes to what is happening in our country. To those of you in Greater Metro Manila who are able to make your voices heard, please join our protest actions. Let us show our support and make our voices heard," wika ni Cayetano. "We are fighting for the same thing... Y'ung Constitution, y'ung batas. Without those rules, including moral rules, wala tayong character. Wala tayong identity as a nation," dagdag niya. ###

BOHOL, PHILIPPINES — Recognizing the growing impact of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East on global aviation and tourism, Aboitiz Infracapital Bohol Airport Corporation (ABAC), the operator of Bohol-Panglao International Airport (BPIA) under Aboitiz InfraCapital Airports, convened the Strategic Tourism Dialogue on June 15, 2026, bringing together leaders from the hospitality, travel, tourism, and aviation sectors to develop a unified response to emerging industry challenges. Hosted at Best Western Plus The Ivywall Resort Panglao, the dialogue served as a collaborative platform for government

agencies and private sector stakeholders to discuss the implications of volatile fuel supply conditions, rising operational costs, and shifting travel demand—all of which influence airline economics, airfare pricing, and destination competitiveness. “As an island destination, tourism is the lifeblood of Bohol’s economy. Global events may be beyond our control, but how we respond is entirely within our hands,” said Aldwin Uy, General Manager of Bohol-Panglao International Airport. “Our priority is to work alongside our tourism and airline partners to anticipate challenges, align strategies, and ensure that Bohol remains

a reliable, competitive, and attractive gateway for travelers. The strongest destinations are those built on collaboration, adaptability, and a shared long-term vision.” The Strategic Tourism Dialogue was organized to encourage the exchange of market intelligence, operational insights, and emerging travel trends while identifying practical strategies that will strengthen the resilience of Bohol’s tourism ecosystem. The initiative reflects Aboitiz InfraCapital Airports’ commitment to fostering stronger partnerships across the tourism value chain and creating coordinated responses to external eco-

nomie pressures that affect regional growth. “Bohol’s strength as a destination extends far beyond its natural attractions. It is anchored on the collective commitment of our tourism stakeholders to continuously innovate and work together,” said Joanne Pinat of the Bohol Provincial Tourism Office. “This dialogue is both timely and essential, providing a venue for government and industry leaders to align strategies that will help cushion global uncertainties while sustaining tourism growth. Through collaboration, we can ensure that Bohol remains accessible, competitive, and ready to welcome visitors from around the

world.” The dialogue gathered representatives from the Bohol Provincial Tourism Office, the Bohol Provincial Tourism Council, the Bohol Association of Resorts and Restaurants (BAHRR), the Bohol Association of Travel and Tour Operators (BATTO), alongside aviation and hospitality stakeholders. The program featured presentations on aviation market trends, followed by an open dialogue that encouraged participants to identify opportunities for stronger destination marketing, enhanced connectivity, and more coordinated industry action. Discussions also covered the latest developments on

DOT...

SANTA ROSA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — As part of its efforts to boost domestic travel and further support local tourism stakeholders, the Department of Tourism (DOT) launched its new domestic tourism campaign, Discover More to Love, through a new platform developed in partnership with public and private sector stakeholders nationwide.

Featuring a new website that serves as a repository of around 3,000 special travel deals for accommodations, attractions, dining, tours, transportation, and wellness services, the platform offers discounts of up to 70 percent off regular prices.

DOT Secretary Dita Angara-Mathay led the launch of the campaign during the opening ceremony of the Central Philippines Tourism Expo on Friday, June 26, in Santa Rosa City, Laguna. The event brought together DOT officials, local tourism officers from the country’s 18 regions, tourism stakeholders, business owners, and content

creators.

Angara-Mathay said that the platform addresses concerns about the affordability of traveling to domestic destinations as compared to international travel.

“We have created a shared platform which we hope will give travelers more choices while helping tourism enterprises particularly those in emerging destinations to attract more visitors throughout the year including the lean travel months,” she said.

According to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), domestic tourism expenditure reached P3.256 trillion in 2025, a 2.98 percent increase from P3.162 trillion in 2024.

The new campaign also forms part of the DOT’s efforts to encourage Filipinos to support local destinations by offering greater travel deals, ensuring more enjoyable travel experiences, and helping regional tourism enterprises maintain steady bookings, sustain jobs, and strengthen local econ-

omies throughout the year.

“Makikipagtulungan ang Department of Tourism sa ating mga rehiyon at tourism partners upang mas madali ninyong makita ang mga bagong destinasyon, makapamili ng iba’t ibang travel packages, at makahanap ng mga pagpipiliang akma sa inyong budget at interes. At kapag may bago kayong natuklasan ibahagi ninyo ito sa inyong mga pamilya, sa inyong mga kaibigan, at sa inyong social media,” the Tourism secretary said.

The platform also addresses the risk of fraudulent travel deals found online and on third-party applications, as all promotions featured on the website are legitimate and validated by partner tourism stakeholders and companies.

Laguna Tourism Council President and Enchanted Kingdom Chief Operating Officer Dr. Cynthia Mamon expressed support for the program and in conducting tourism exposi-

tions nationwide, saying it reinforces the government’s push for stronger public-private partnerships and collaboration in promoting tourism while fostering national pride in the country’s diverse destinations.

“We must focus on what we do best—all our talents, our hospitality, our service-orientation, ang ganda ng ating bayan, at ng ating bansa. We are blessed with national resources. I think we have our unique attractions in each of our regions so that we look forward to a more vibrant tourism in our country,” Mamon added.

The Discover More to Love campaign is anchored on the DOT’s existing national tourism brand, Love the Philippines, which aims to ensure that the compelling stories, unique culture, and breathtaking destinations leave a lasting positive impression and inspire more Filipinos to explore the country through meaningful travel experiences. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

NOVELETA...

NOVELETA, Cavite (PIA) – Law enforcement and environment conservation go hand in hand, especially in the Municipality of Noveleta where local police launched its brand new electric vehicles.

Last June 11, the Municipal Government formally turned over two (2) units of brand new electric vehicles to the Noveleta Municipal Police Station. Aside from the new police vehicles, the package includes drone, ammunition, and bulletproof vests for its personnel.

Mayor Davey Chua and Vice Mayor Dino Chua personally handed over the donation for the local police station.

In a statement, Chua underscored the municipal government’s commitment to aid the Noveleta Municipal Police in their efforts to keep their town safe. Through the donation of electric vehicles, community patrols will become less costly and more sustainable.

“Turnover Ceremony para sa donation ng dalawang (2) brand new elec-

tric car sa PNP Noveleta para maging mas matipid at efficient ang pagpapatrol ng ating masisipag na kapulisan. Kasabay rin nito ang turnover ng Drone, Bulletproof Vest, Handheld Radios at Ammunitions upang mas lalo pang mapalakas ang Peace and Order sa ating Mahal na Bayan ng Noveleta.”

As part of their efforts to help improve the patrolling capacity of the Noveleta Municipal Police, the Municipal Government also turned over additional equipment including drone, bulletproof vests, handheld radios, and ammunition to further strengthen peace and order within the municipality.

The new equipment for Noveleta Police was personally received by Plt. Col. Rafael Torres of the Police Regional Office CALABARZON Regional Logistics and Research Division, and Plt. Col. Willy Salazar, Deputy Provincial Director for Cavite Provincial Police. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, Municipality of Noveleta/Facebook)

IMUS CELEBRATES 14 YEARS OF PROGRESS AS A CITY



IMUS MARKS 14TH CITYHOOD ANNIVERSARY



IMUS CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Imus officially kicked off the celebration of its 14th Cityhood Anniversary on June 30 at the New Imus City Government Center, highlighting the city’s rich history and remarkable progress through the years.

The celebration features an exhibit showcasing photographs, historical records, and important documents that trace Imus’ journey from a municipality to a thriving component city. The display offers residents and visitors a glimpse into the milestones, achievements, and significant events that have shaped the city’s growth and development.

The anniversary celebration aims to honor Imus’ historical legacy while recognizing the accomplishments of the local government and the collective efforts of the Imuseño community in fostering progress. It also serves as an opportunity to strengthen civic pride and inspire future generations to continue contributing to the city’s development.

Local officials emphasized that the annual celebration is not only a commemoration of Imus’ cityhood but also a reaffirmation of the city’s commitment to responsive governance, sustainable development, and improved public service for all Imuseños.

IMUS CITY, Cavite — The City of Imus commemorated its 14th Cityhood Anniversary, marking more than a decade of growth, development, and public service since its conversion from a municipality into a component city.

Imus officially became a city through Republic Act No. 10161, signed into law on April 12, 2012. The cityhood was overwhelmingly ratified by Imuseños during a plebiscite held on June 30, 2012, with nearly 90 percent of voters supporting the measure.

Over the past 14 years, Imus has experienced significant progress through the implementation of infrastructure projects, improved public services, and various development programs aimed at enhancing the quality of life of its residents. These achievements reflect the combined efforts of the local government and the active participation of the Imuseño community.

City officials noted that the anniversary is not only a celebration of the city’s milestones but also a recognition of the unity, resilience, and dedication of its people in building a more progressive and inclusive community.

As Imus celebrates another year of cityhood, local leaders reaffirmed their commitment to pursuing responsive governance, sustainable development, and programs that will further improve the lives of every Imuseño, paving the way for a stronger and brighter future for the city.

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CAVITE SHOWCASES TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS AT CPTEX 2026



CAVITE — The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer, showcased the province’s rich cultural heritage, tourism destinations, and locally made products during the Central Philippines Tourism Expo (CPTEX) 2026 held from June 26 to 28.

One of the highlights of the province’s participation was the launch of a new Cavite audio-visual presentation (AVP), featuring the province’s tourism nodal points, faith tourism destinations, local delicacies and products, restaurants, tourist attractions, and accommodation establishments. The presentation aims to promote Cavite as a premier travel destination while encouraging more visitors to explore its historical, cultural, and natural attractions.

The Cavite pavilion also came alive with cultural performances by the Sandaloy Pangkat Mananayaw of Cavite City, Banda Matanda 1888 of General Trias City, the EAC Cavite Cultural Dance Troupe of Dasmariñas City, San Lorenzo Ruiz Band 2003 Inc., and the Black Nazarene Banda Quatro of Bacoar City, highlighting the province’s vibrant traditions and artistic heritage.

During the expo, the Department of Tourism also launched its new domestic tourism campaign, “Discover More to Love,” encouraging Filipinos to explore more destinations across the country and support local tourism.

The Provincial Government of Cavite said its participation in CPTEX 2026 reflects its continuing commitment to promoting the province’s tourism industry, supporting local businesses, and showcasing the unique culture, history, and hospitality that make Cavite one of the country’s must-visit destinations.

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