

My Magical Day

4+1 BIRTHDAY PROMO

P6,000

REGULAR DAY PASSES BUNDLED WITH MEALS

- FREE Regular Day Pass for the Celebrant
- Four (4) Regular Day Passes
- Birthday Group Meal Package good for 5 persons
- Mini Decadence Cake for the celebrant

Chicken Ala Cave, Spaghetti, Ice Cream on Stick and Iced Tea

PROMO PERIOD: January 7, 2026 to January 3, 2027 (Block off periods apply)

For inquiries, please email personalmilestones@enchantedkingdom.ph
09209833624 or 09998848445

DTI Fair Trade Permit No. R4A-Lag-01-002 series of 2026



Tayo po ay nakapagkaloob ng Nego-Cart sa 11 Imuseño ambulant vendors, katuwang ang Imus Public Employment Service Office, bilang dagdag puhunan at pagkakataon upang mas mapaunlad ang kanilang kabuhayan.

Patuloy po tayong magtutulungan upang palawakin ang mga programang naglalapit ng oportunidad sa bawat Imuseño, sapagkat ang pag-unlad ng ating lungsod ay nagsisimula sa pag-angat ng kabuhayan ng bawat isa. #AngatAngImus #AlagangAdvincula



FRONTPAGE NEWS

PUBLISHING

Vol. 4 No. 27 January 12-18, 2026 P10.00

Declaration of the Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors, and Reporters (PAPER.PH), Inc. Against Corruption

Preamble: The Light in the Darkness

We, the Publishers, Editors, and Reporters of the Philippines under PAPER.PH, unite under a solemn declaration. We bear witness to a truth etched in the soul of our nation: a free and fearless press is the bedrock of democracy and the sworn enemy of corruption. Where shadows of graft, abuse of power, and deceit seek to thrive, we commit to being the unwavering light.

Corruption does not merely steal wealth; it steals justice, opportunity, dignity, and hope. It poisons institutions, betrays public trust, and impoverishes the spirit of the people. We stand not as a fourth estate, but as the first line of defense.

Our Core Principles:

1. Truth as Duty: We serve no political master, no corporate interest, and no personal agenda. Our sole allegiance is to the verifiable truth. We will pursue it with rigor, present it with context, and defend it with courage.

2. The People as Sovereign: Power resides in the people. Our primary mission is to arm the public with the knowledge necessary to exercise that power—to hold leaders accountable, to make informed choices, and to demand ethical governance.

3. Fearlessness in the Face of Intimidation: We will not be silenced by threats, legal harassment, online trolling, or violence. The memory of colleagues who paid the ultimate price for this duty fuels our resolve, not our fear. We stand in solidarity, protecting one another as we protect the public's right to know.

4. Integrity in Practice: We combat corruption by rooting it out of our own house. We pledge transparency in methodology, vigilance against misinformation, correction of errors, and clear separation between fact and opinion. We reject any form of “envelope journalism” or covert influence.

5. Solidarity as Armor: As an Alliance, we are interconnected. An attack on one publisher, one editor, one reporter—whether through libel, cyber-libel, red-tagging, or physical threat—is an attack on all. We will respond with one voice, one legal defense, and one unbreakable front.

A Call to Conscience and Action:

To those in power: Your dealings are our duty. Your declarations will be fact-checked. Your secrets are our subject. We will scrutinize not with malice, but with the profound responsibility our roles demand.

To the public: Trust must be earned. Hold us accountable. Engage with our work. Support independent journalism. Share credible information. Be critical consumers of news. In this fight, you are not spectators; you are essential allies.

To our fellow journalists: Join this alliance of conscience. Uphold this standard. Let our collective byline be a mark of credibility and courage.

This declaration is not merely a statement of intent. It is a declaration of war—a war against the corruption that cripples our nation and the silence that enables it.

We are PAPER.PH. We remember. We resist. We report.
For Truth. For Accountability. For the Philippines.

Signed,
The Prime Alliance of Publishers, Editors, and Reporters (PAPER.PH), Inc.

FRONTPAGE NEWS

PUBLISHING

Vol. 4 No. 27 January 12-18, 2026 P10.00 ISSN-3028-1091

Nazareno devotee from Cavite expresses faith through paintings

GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite — Isang devotee ng Poong Nazareno ang nakahanap ng unique way para ipakita ang kanyang faith — sa pamamagitan ng pagpipinta ng mga eksena ng Traslacion. Ayon sa ulat ng GMA News sa “24 Oras” ni Kuya Kim, si Nathaniel San Pedro ay bata pa lang ay dinadala na ng kanyang parents sa Quiapo Church para masaksihan ang taunang Traslacion. “Bata pa lamang po ako ay dinadala na ako ng aking mga magulang sa Quiapo Church at doon po nasaksihan ko ang taunang Traslacion. Habang lumalaki po ako at ngayon po ay isa na akong ganap na santero o kamare-ro na nangangalaga ng mga poon, mas lalo pong napalapit ang aking debosyon sa Poong Nazareno,” ani San Pedro. Instead of joining



PGC continues health initiatives with medical and dental mission in Trece Martires City



Asian track tourney set March 25-30 at Tagaytay velodrome

PBBM orders PhilHealth to grant one-year amnesty for unpaid contributions



CAVITE sees drop in new year-related incidents



DBM, DOH urged to fast-track release of health emergency allowances

FRONTLINERS. Frontline health workers from the Philippine General Hospital administer Covid-19 vaccine to their fellow frontliners during the pandemic in this undated photo. Albay 3rd District Rep. Raymond Adrian Salceda on Monday (Jan. 5, 2026) urged the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Health to immediately release the long-delayed Health Emergency Allowance to healthcare workers who served during the pandemic. (PNA file photo)

ADVERTISE WITH US!

Contact Number: 09154882962

E-mail Address: frontpagenews2018@gmail.com

Cavite...

CITY OF IMUS, Cavite (PIA) — The province of Cavite recorded a decline in holiday-related incidents during the New Year celebrations, according to data from the Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO).

Acting Provincial Director Col. Ariel Red reported a sharp drop in firecracker- and pyrotechnics-related injuries. Data from the Ligtas Paskuhan campaign showed a 75-percent decrease in incidents, from 36 cases in 2024 to just eight in 2025.

All recorded cases involved firecracker- and pyrotechnics-related injuries. The Cavite PPO reported no incidents of indiscriminate firing, stray bullets, road crashes, or fires linked to fireworks and pyrotechnic devices.

Col. Red attributed the peaceful celebration to the combined efforts of law enforcers, local government units, and the public.

“The remarkable decrease in incidents during the New Year’s celebration is proof of the effective implementation of the laws and the cooperation of the people,” he said, adding that public discipline played a crucial role in ensuring safety across the province.

The Cavite PPO also cited intensified operations against illegal firecrackers and loose firearms, heightened police visibility, and close coordination with local government units and the Caviteño community as key factors behind the positive outcome.

The provincial police force extended its gratitude to partner agencies, LGUs, and residents for their continued support in maintaining peace and order. (RBF, PIA Cavite)

ATI CALABARZON Trains Over 7,000 Farmers, Agri Stakeholders in 2025

In 2025, the Department of Agriculture (DA) capacity builder, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON, equipped a total of 7,084 individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to help steer a competitive and prosperous agriculture and fisheries sectors towards a vibrant economy.

As the catalyst and knowledge bank of the Philippine agriculture and fishery extension (AFE) system, the DA-ATI CALABARZON trained 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural extension workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts, and individuals from the general public.

Training and other extension initia-

tives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management.

These programs were not limited to the production aspect, as the agency also equipped the aforementioned individuals with technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs like rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), and additional extension services.

“Sobra po ang pasasalamat ko sa ATI CALABARZON dahil ine-ensure po nila na may bago silang kaalamang naihatid at nakakarating po ito sa aming mga farmers. Sa training na ito, privilege po para sa akin na matuto at ma-experience ‘yung mga hands-on kung paano ba bumuo ng cacao-coconut fusion products, na totoo pong helpful para mas ma-maximize pa ‘yung gamit ng raw materials and ma-improve ‘yung pwedeng pagkakitaan ng mga farmers,” said Carla Pante, one of the farmer participants who shared her impression of the Training on Coconut and Cacao Fusion: Value Chain-based Product Development and Market Integration last July.

John Mark Sto. Domingo, an agricultural and biosystems engineer from Teresa, Rizal, also shared how the DA-ATI CALABARZON helps extension workers like him in performing their duties at the grassroots level.

In his impression of the Training on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and

Fisheries Machinery held last June, he said: “This training is a great help for me to understand how procurement and acceptance testing work in acquiring farm machinery. That’s why every one of us ay sobrang eager ding pumasa – ‘cause it will give us a chance to evaluate the machinery that we’re acquiring more thoroughly. Because in the end, we want our farmers to receive those interventions na up-to-standards and fit talaga sa kung ano ang needs nila.”

Moreover, social technologies, including training facilitation and management, and extension communication, were also imparted to participants, especially AEWs, farmer-leaders, and farm cooperators.

These accomplishments reflect the unwavering dedication of the DA-ATI CALABARZON in empowering its stakeholders through a resilient and responsive agriculture and fisheries extension system in the region.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of the DA-ATI CALABARZON, shared a glimpse of the agency’s plans as it gears towards 2026.

“For 2026, we will solidify our efforts to modernize and mechanize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based trainings that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers,” said Dr. Maningas.

He added, “At the same time, we will strengthen our role as a nexus in empowering and catalyzing our extension workers as key change agents in the region, ensuring that our services and their impacts are met on the ground and will truly lead to ‘masaganang agrikultura at maunlad na ekonomiya.’”



Cavites...

Cavite, long known as a neighboring province of Metro Manila, has become a steadily progressing modern and connected community. With improved infrastructure, expanding commercial hubs, and thoughtfully planned residential developments, the province offers families a convenient and comfortable alternative to city living.

Among the developments that helped drive Cavite’s growth are the communities built by Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends), one of the country’s fastest-growing property developers. Projects such as Lancaster New City, Westwind, and Micara Estates offer well-planned neighborhoods that uplift everyday living for Filipino families. Through these communities, Profriends promotes the move from simple kapitbahay relationships to true kapitbuhay connections, where families grow together in a supportive environment.

As Cavite continues to advance, the province offers more reasons to consider it a good place for families seeking comfort, accessibility, and long-term stability. This growth becomes even more evident through the improvements in its roads, transport systems, and rising townships.

Better roads for closer city connections

Cavite’s transformation is supported by enhanced road networks and transport systems that link communities and key commercial areas. These improvements make the province an accessible gateway for Filipino families and individuals who want to stay connected to Metro Manila without sacrificing quality home life.

Major infrastructures such as the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway (CAVITEX), Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), and NAIA Expressway allow faster and smoother travel to the city. New transport systems, including the LRT-1 Cavite Extension and the Cavite Bus Rapid Transport Project, aim to provide more reliable and efficient rides to

work, school, and other destinations. These enhancements encourage steady growth in residential demand within the province.

Life and opportunities beyond the Metro

The rise of townships and expanding commercial districts in Cavite introduces more opportunities for families seeking convenience and stability. Essential needs are close by, with access to employment, schools, health-care, leisure spaces, and retail centers within the same area.

Families in Profriends communities enjoy this advantage, gaining easier access to nearby establishments and services that support their daily routines.

Communities designed for modern Filipino families

Profriends’ developments in Cavite offer thoughtfully planned environments suited for Filipino families. Lancaster New City is a master-planned township; Westwind introduces modern low-rise condominium living; and Micara Estates provides accessible and affordable townhouses. These communities deliver upgraded recreational amenities, spacious neighborhoods, and features that support comfort and connection while aligning with Cavite’s continued progress.

“Cavite gives Filipino families a chance to live in a good home environment without losing access to Metro Manila,” said Shannon King, Business Unit Head. “Our communities offer more than shelter. They serve as spaces that support growth, connection, and everyday living.”

Experience modern living in Cavite

Profriends continues to serve as trusted property development partner in Cavite, helping accelerate the province’s residential growth. The company supports a future where progress, convenience, and opportunities co-exist, making Cavite a more accessible place for Filipinos.

Visit Profriends’ vibrant communities—Lancaster New City, Westwind, and Micara Estates—and discover how these developments contribute to Cavite’s rise and provide environments that meet daily needs while uplifting the way residents live.

For the latest updates on Profriends communities, visit its official website at www.profriends.com. You can also follow its official social media accounts for news, events, and community highlights on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and LinkedIn. (UN PR)

FEAST

Ways to Give

HELP US BLESS OTHERS MORE

UnionBank

GCash

Check & Bank Transfer

UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
THE BUILDER OF THE LIGHT OF JESUS FAMILY
MEGA MANILA INC.
000-4000-24846
WRITE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO
FEAST BAY AREA

The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
wisdom, and the
knowledge of the
Holy One is insight.
- Proverbs 12:18

Alicia's
Secret Garden

Thailand Orchids & Ornamentals

Visit our showroom:
127 Nabaong Garlang,
San Ildefonso, Bulacan

0995-702-7398
044-903-6989

We ship nationwide via LBC and accept Cash on Delivery (COD) transactions.

BHADZ GARAGE
PERFORMANCE

JAYAR
PEROCALIN

CONTACT #
0956 936 6073

jayar030488@gmail.com
PALIPARAN 3, DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE



PAMASKONG HANDOG: ATTY. MARIO DIONISIO JR. NAGDULOT NG SAYA AT JOLLIBEE SA MANILA CITY JAIL

Mga katoto iba ang pakiramdam ng mga taong nakapaglingkod ng bolintaryo at taus sa pusong tumutulong, sadyang napakagaang ng iyong kalooban latot walang inaan-tay ng anumang kapalit. Ang binibigyan ko ng halimbawa ay si katotong Atty. Mario Dionisio Jr. na alalaumbagay taglay ang dakilang layunin upang madulutan ng kaligayahan at pasiglahin ang mga taong kapus palad sa tuwing sasapit kapaskuhan.

Kung matatandaan mga katoto halos dalawang dekada na patuloy na ginagampanan ang tungkuling ito ang mamahagi ng ayuda, mga gamit o mga pagkain sa ibat-ibang barangay subalit ang hindi nila makaligtaang suportahan ng tulong ay ang mga Persons Deprived of Liberty(PDL) sa Manila City Jail lalo na ung mga Senior Citizens na sadyang walang dalaw, may kapansanan at mga may karamdaman.

Palibhasay dating naging Pangulo ng Integrated Bar of the Philippines(IBP), Past President ng RID3810, Manila District Head Pubic Attorney Office (PAO), kaya’t nanalay-tay pa rin ang dugong makamahirap na nagsilbing alaala kay katotong Atty. Mario Dionisio Jr. hanggang sa magbukas ito ng sariling tanggapan ang MDJ law office sa kahabaan ng Mother Ignacia St. sa tapat ng gusali ng ABS/CBN BLDG Quezon City.

Ipinamalas lang ni katotong Atty. Mario Dionisio Jr. ang kanyang buong pusong pagmamahal at malasakait sa mga taong kapus palad na nakapiit ang mga PDL sa kulungan ng Manila City Jail.

MAYNILA — Sa gitna ng malamig na simoy ng Paskuhan, isang mainit na pagmamahal ang sumalubong sa mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) sa Manila City Jail noong umaga ng Disyembre 20, 2025. Pinangunahan ni Atty. Mario Dionisio Jr. ang isang espesyal na feeding program na nakat-uon sa mga itinuturing na “most vulnerable” sa loob ng piitan—ang mga PDL na wala nang bumibisita (visitor-less), mga indigent, may-sakit, at ang mga nakatatanda o aged PDLs. Hindi matago ang galak sa mga mata ng mga

bilanggo nang ihain sa kanila ang paborito ng bayang Jollibee Chickenjoy. Para sa marami sa kanila, ang simpleng piraso ng manok ay hindi lamang pagkain kundi simbolo ng pag-alala at pag-asa na hindi sila nakakalimutan ng lipunan sa kabila ng kanilang sitwasyon.

Ang nasabing feeding program ay hindi na bago sa Manila City Jail. Ayon sa mga tauhan ng pasilidad, naging tradisyon na ni Atty. Dionisio Jr. ang gawaing ito taon-taon. Layunin ng abogado na magbahagi ng biyaya at maghatid ng espiritu ng Pasko sa loob ng selda, lalo na para sa mga walang pamilyang dumarating upang mag-abot ng tulong o suporta.

“Ang tunay na kahulugan ng Pasko ay ang pagbibigay sa mga higit na nangan-gailangan. Gusto nating ipadama sa ating mga kapatid na PDL na may nagmamalasakit sa kanila at may pag-asa pa para sa kanilang hinaharap,” pahayag sa isang mensahe.

Maliban sa pagkain, ang taunang aktibidad na ito ay nagsisilbi ring paalala sa kahalagahan ng pagbibigay ng dignidad at malasakit sa mga bilanggo, na tumutulong sa kanilang rehabilitasyon at moral na aspeto habang naghihintay ng kani-kanilang mga kaso.

Umapaw ang pasasalamat mula sa hanay ng mga PDL at sa pamunuan ng Manila City Jail, habang umaasa silang magpapatuloy ang mga ganitong inisyatiba na nagbibigay-liwanag sa kanilang madilim na silid ngayong panahon ng Kapaskuhan. Mabuhay ang mga PDL! Mabuhay tayong lahat!!!



Masayang nagpakuha ng larawan sina Atty. Mario Dionisio Jr.(ikalawa sa kanan) katabi ang asawang si Belinda at anak na si Jorge Marion sa mga ipapamahaging Christmas Feeding Program para sa mga Persons De-

prived of Liberty (PDL). Katulong ang mga warden na namahagi ng pagkain sa mga nakapiit na presong PDL na mga walang dalaw, may karamdaman, at mga may kapansanan sa loob ng celda sa Manila City Jail. Pasky Natividad

GREETINGS:

Hi to NCRPO RD PMGEN ANTHONY A ABERIN, PCOL Ed Cuti-Deputy Chief of Staff NCRPO, PCOL Erosito Miranda-Regional Chief of Staff NCRPO. & D5 PCOL Joseph Garcia God bless you more mga katoto!!! Hi MPD DISTRICT DIRECTOR PBGEN ARNOLD ABAD, MPD PIO HEAD Maj Philipp Ines & MPD SMART Head Kuya Eagle Maj Eduard Samonte same with Kuya Eagle SPO3 Kevin Capili Sanchez! God bless u more!!!

Hi to MANILA HEALTH DEPARTMENT Head & concurrent OMMC Hospital Director DRA. GRACE PADILLA! God bless you more katoto!!! Hi to MHD Dr. Creselda Corozah-Head District 1 Officer, District 1 Manila, God bless u more katoto!!!

Hi to OMMC ICU Dr. Luigi Francisco & Internal Medicine Dr. Jarmiah Margalo, Ross Adornado, Mikaela Gabriella Martin, at Hilario Laqui. HEART STATION DEPT. KLINIK; Shiela Rodriguez, Carina Domagoso, Neil Salvador, Diove Ann Dela Torre, God bless you more! Kumusta kay Workoholic new ENT Head Dr. DON MACARIO kabilang na si Dra. DIAN SY, at Dr. Jacob, God Bless you more mga katoto!!!

Hi to MEDICAL LABORATORY; Head Evelyn Salcedo, Asst.Head Celeste at Jorie. God bless you more mga katoto!!! Hi to our young friend Dra Vivien Jupirez, welcome to OMMC, God bless u more katoto!!!

Hi to Philippine Orthopedic Center, Hospital Director(POC) Dr. Brix Puhalte Jr. na nagmana sa ama nitong si Dr, Puhalte Sr. na nagiwan ng isang di matatwarang alaala sa POC at byuting secretary nito Ms. Jing Adriano!!! God bless you more mga katoto!!! Hi to POC OPD Dr. Baron, Dr. Robin Medalle at Dra.Gina Espinosa!

Hi to POC XRAY RECORDS Head Gina Geronimo, Marivel, Ronnie, & Marvin God bless you more mga katoto!

Hi to Hospital Director Ma. Isabelita M. Estrella at Director’s Office Secretary Staff Ms. Rowie S. Bulaong ng Tondo Medical Center (TMC), God Bless u more mga katoto

Hi to Medical Social Service Head Leonida Lagumbay and to Cecilia, Nova, Jenemy, Archie, John Rex, Shalom, Joy at Gaida of Gat Andres Bonifacio Medical Center. Lets eat , enjoy, and relax.

Asian..

MANILA – Twelve nations have confirmed their participation in the 45th Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) Track Championships scheduled from March 25 to 31 at the Tagaytay CT Velodrome in Cavite.

“It’s been three decades since the country hosted the Asian track championships —1995 to be exact— at the then-Amoranto Velodrome in Quezon City,” Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham “Bambol” Tolentino said in a statement Thursday.

“With at least 12 nations confirming their attendance and more than 200 athletes competing as of today at the brand-new and International Cycling Union (UCI)-standard velodrome, the POC, PhilCycling and Tagaytay City will be rolling out the red carpet as we aim for an excellent hosting of the event,” he added.

Tolentino also serves as PhilCycling head.

Tagaytay City Mayor Aizack Brent Tolentino has assured the city’s full support to the tournament, which features men and women sprint, keirin, one-kilometer time trial, team sprint, individual and team pursuit, points race, scratch, omnium, Madison and elimination race.

To be held simultaneously with the 45th Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) Track Championships is the 14th Asian Para Track Cycling Championships, which has competitions in the one-kilometer time trial, individual pursuit, sprint, elimination and scratch races in six events both for men and women.

Besides host Philippines, also competing are powerhouse Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Chinese-Taipei, Kazahksan, Uzbekistan and Iran.

Japan won 16 of the 22 gold medals at stake last year. Host Malaysia got two golds while South Korea, China, Hong Kong and Uzbekistan had one each.

Tolentino is expecting more countries to send their teams to the championships, which already surpassed the 10 nations that took part in last year’s edition in Nilai, Malaysia. The registration deadline is set on Jan. 15.

Tolentino and Asian Cycling Confederation head Dato’ Amarjit Singh Gill led the inauguration of the velodrome in June last year.

Only 12 countries in Asia have velodromes, with Tagaytay City being recognized as the newest indoor and wood facility that vies as a track cycling epicenter for the Southeast Asian region.

The Amoranto track along Tomas Morato Avenue in Quezon City was demolished last year to give way to a football pitch. (PNA)



DBM, DOH...

LEGAZPI CITY – Albay 3rd District Rep. Raymond Adrian Salceda on Monday urged the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of Health (DOH) to immediately issue simplified guidelines for the release of the long-delayed Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) to healthcare workers who served during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Salceda issued the call following the signing of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. of the 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) in Malacañang.

The GAA allocates PHP6.77 billion for Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances (PHEBA) for both health and non-health workers.

“Now that the budget is in place, we need the DBM and DOH to act quickly. Our health workers have waited long enough. Perhaps we can simplify the process by allowing affidavits from health workers attesting to their eligibility and service,” Salceda said in a press release.

Salceda proposed that unpaid healthcare workers should submit sworn affidavits detailing their eligibility, period of service, and nature of work during the pandemic.

These would be validated by the DOH using available records, after which the DBM would immediately release payments, subject to post-audit verification by the Commission on Audit (COA).

“The current system is weighed down by documentary requirements that many health facilities can no longer provide. As a result, numerous claims remain unresolved. The affidavit approach is meant to finally break this cycle of delay,” Salceda said.

Earlier, Salceda filed House Resolution No. 127, calling on the DBM and DOH to ensure the full payment of HEA to all eligible health workers, determine the total unpaid amount, and ensure its inclusion in the national budget.

Salceda thanked Speaker Martin “Bojie” Dy and House Appropriations Committee Chair Mikaela Angela Suansing for ensuring that HEA funding was included in the final budget, as well as the DBM and DOH for their continued coordination in settling the government’s obligations to

health frontliners.

“This is a debt we owe them. Our health workers risked their lives during the pandemic, endured longer working hours, and faced serious physical and mental strain. The least we can do is make sure they receive what the law guarantees—and receive it without further delay,” he said.

The Health Emergency Allowance is mandated under Republic Act No. 11712, or the Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances for Health Care Workers Act, signed into law on April 27, 2022.

It grants monthly allowances ranging from PHP3,000 to PHP9,000, depending on a worker’s level of risk exposure during a declared public health emergency.

From 2020 to early 2025, the DBM released more than PHP121 billion for PHEBA, including PHP27.45 billion in July 2024 covering over five million HEA claims and thousands of sickness and death compensation cases. Despite this, many claims remain unpaid due to record-keeping gaps.

Separately, Salceda has filed House Bill No. 7033, or the “PhilHealth Benefits Tax Exemption Act,” which seeks to exempt PhilHealth benefits received by healthcare workers from income tax.

“PhilHealth, like GSIS and SSS, is a government social insurance institution. Yet its benefits remain taxable, unlike GSIS and SSS benefits. This bill corrects that inequity,” Salceda said. (PNA)

Easy Pay

SHOP NOW, PAY LATER

Period: September 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025 / Jan. 15, 2026
 For CTA App: Tapcode: EWPAY-1159 / 1494922 / Service of 2025

ELECTROWORLD Delivery call 8248-3200

On select items. See Terms.

SM CITY BACOR