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In view of Memorandum Circular No. 116 duly signed by Executive Secretary Ralph G. Recto, employees of the City Government of Dasmariñas shall observe a

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TOMORROW, 1 APRIL 2026, FROM 7:00 AM TO 12:00 NN

Thereafter, work will be suspended starting 12:00 NN on the same day (Holy Wednesday) to give employees ample time to observe the Holy Week.

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Mercado-Revilla says fuel price crisis not Pinoys' fault; tells government to take action p.5



Stressing that the current fuel price crisis isn't the Filipino's own doing, Cavite 2nd district Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla says the government must take it upon itself to provide the people with immediate relief.

"Hindi kasalanan ng Pilipino ang krisis na ito, pero sila ang unang naapektuhan. Kaya tungkulin nating kumilos agad upang maibsan ang kanilang pinapanas," Mercado-Revilla said in a recent statement.

(The crisis is not the fault of the Filipino people, yet they are the first to be affected. That is why it is our duty to act swiftly to ease the burden they carry.)

As a member of the legislature, particularly the 300-plus strong House of Representatives, the lady solon has lodged proposals in the chamber on how to provide such respite from the economic hardships.

She has called for urgent economic relief measures, including a reduction of Value-Added Tax (VAT) on essential food items and reforms in electricity pricing, to cushion Filipino families from the impact of rising fuel costs triggered by the escalating conflict in the Middle East.

Mercado-Revilla says the global crisis is already driving up fuel prices.

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Mekeni president urges media, business leaders to spread hope amid global tensions p.6



SANTA ROSA, Laguna, March 20, 2026 — The president of Meken Food Corporation called on media practitioners and business leaders to go beyond delivering factual and unbiased information by actively spreading hope, especially amid ongoing global tensions affecting economies and communities. Speaking during his acceptance as an honorary member of the Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps (CVLPC) on Friday, the Meken president Mr. Pruds Garcia, emphasized the critical role of both sectors in shaping public sentiment during uncertain times, including those influenced by international conflicts such as the situation involving Iran.

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"While it is our responsibility to report and communicate the truth, it is equally important to inspire hope and resilience among our people," he said, underscoring the influence of media narratives and corporate leadership in guiding communities through crisis.

The honorary membership was conferred in recognition of Mekeni Food Corporation's significant contributions to the food industry and its expanding impact beyond Central Luzon to other key regions, particularly CALA-BARZON.



DTI assures the public of no price increase for basic necessities and prime commodities (BNPCs) until April 16, with support from manufacturers and retailers

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) officially clarifies that there will be no price increase for basic necessities and prime commodities (BNPCs) effective April 1. This assurance follows the DTI's meeting today with major manufacturers and retailers to hold off on price increases until April 16, 2026, ensuring stability for Filipino consumers amid the ongoing Middle East tensions.

This price stability effort is supported by BNPC manufacturers and retailers who have pledged to absorb current logistics and inventory pressures. The manufacturers include representatives from Alaska Milk Corporation, Chatrade Enterprises, Commonwealth Foods Inc., Century Pacific Food Inc.

(CPFI), Ecosential Foods Corp, Sevilla Candle Factory Inc., Lorenzana Food Corp., Monde Nissin, Nestle Philippines, Procter & Gamble Philippines Inc., San Miguel Foods, Slord Development Corp., Unilever Philippines Inc., Universal Canning Inc., Universal Robina Corporation, Virginia Food Inc., Wellmade Manufacturing Corporation, and a representative from the Canned Sardines Association of the Philippines (CSAP).

From the retailers' side, those present are Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc., SM Markets (SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket, Savemore), Metro Retail Stores Group Inc., and the Philippine Amalgamated Supermarkets Association (PAGASA). Following Executive

the CVLPC's 23rd anniversary celebration in Santa Rosa, Laguna, bringing together members of the press corps, stakeholders, and partners from various sectors.

Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps officials said the inclusion of representatives from the business sector highlights the growing importance of collaboration between media and industry in addressing societal challenges.

Mekeni Food Corporation, which started as a regional food company in Pampanga, has grown into a wider national presence, continuing to advocate for community development and responsible business practices.

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Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and its network of expressways—NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CAVITEX, CALAX, and CCLEX in Cebu—are rolling out the "Biyaheng Arangkada" motorist assistance program from March 27 to April 6, 2026.

The initiative is also implemented in SCTEX and CAVITEX in partnership with the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) through PEA Tollway Corporation, respectively.

As part of the program, MPTC has augmented personnel deployment across its network to ensure efficient traffic management, quick incident response, and smooth toll transactions during the Holy Week travel period. The "Biyaheng Arangkada" initiative reflects MPTC's commitment to ensuring a safe Holy Week journey for

motorists and the commuting public, enabling travelers to reconnect safely with their families during this season of reflection.

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- 24/7 customer service support via hotline (1-35000) and the MPT DriveHub app

During this period, roadworks, lane closures, and maintenance activities will be suspended to help ensure smooth traffic flow across the expressways. Traffic teams are also on standby to activate counterflow schemes when conditions permit. MPTC urges motorists to plan trips ahead of peak hours. In NLEX, anticipate heavy northbound traffic from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon and increased southbound volume during the afternoon and evening hours on Saturday and Sunday. Expect heavy southbound traffic on early Monday morning. Motorists are also advised to check their RFID account to ensure sufficient balance, inspect their vehicles before traveling, stay well-rested, and follow speed limits and traffic regulations. Updates are available via the official social media pages as well as the MPT DriveHub app, to keep motorists informed on the latest situation on the MPTC expressways.

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Nagpulong ang Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) noong 10 Marso 2026, 10:00 nu, sa tanggapan ng Korte Suprema hinggil sa tuntuning ipinatutapad ng Korte Suprema sa Filipino Sign Language (FSL) sa Hudikatura.

Nilinaw ng dalawang panig ang mga proseso sa pagsasagawa ng Visual Communication Assessment for the Deaf (VCAD) kabilang ang pagtalakay sa dokumentasyon at pagbabayad sa Deaf Assessor, alinsunod sa A.M. No. 21-12-04-SC (Re: Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Filipino Sign Language Act). Nakaangkla rin ito sa Batas Republika 11106 o FSL Act na naglalayong palakasin

ang akses ng Deaf Community sa mga serbisyong panghudikatura at maisulong ang inklusibidad na pamamahala bilang tugon sa Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations (SPJI) ng Korte Suprema.

Dumalo mulâ sa KWF si Dr. Benjamin M. Mendillo Jr., Komisyoner sa Pangasiwaan at Pananalapi, kasâma ang Yunit ng FSL sa pangunguna ni G. Patrick Bryan Q. Ablaza, Senior Deaf Advocacy Officer; Bb. Diana Pria Vizmanos, Deaf Advocacy Officer; at mga Admin Assistant na sina Bb. Nicha Lagrimas at Bb. Mitzi Mae Tabao. Kinatawan naman nina Hon. Lilian Barribal-Co, Assistant Court Administrator, at Atty. Andrea Mae E. Oraciln ang OCA.

Arrival Honors for Vice ADM Allen Jusi Dalangin PCG (MNSA)



MANILA CITY (PIA) — Thousands of commuters and transport workers in Manila are set to receive economic relief as the city government launches a localized "libre sakay" (free ride) program to combat the ongoing global energy crisis.

The initiative, which operationalizes Executive Order No. 14, series of 2026, allows the City of Manila to "borrow" the time and vehicles of local jeepney drivers by guaranteeing their daily income.

Under the program, the city will pay drivers and operators between P3,000 and P6,000

be identified by a specific official marking on their windshields, signaling to commuters that no fares should be collected.

The program was made possible after the Manila City Council held a special session to authorize the allocation of extra city funds. This localized intervention is designed to align with national energy conservation measures recently signed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Local officials estimate that the subsidy will benefit approximately 100,000 passengers daily, particularly students and laborers who are most affected by the rising cost of living.

"Hihiramin ko 'yung mga jeep at driver. Garantisadong bayad araw-araw. May kita ang operator, may kita ang driver," Manila City Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso said during his "Talk to the People" address on Friday. "May kita ang gasolinahan at mga nagnenegosyo sa Maynila, at higit sa lahat, walang kailangang bayaran ang ating mga mananakapag ang jeep na saksayan nila ay kasapi ng programa ng Lungsod ng Maynila."

Mala ca ñ a n g praised the Manila City government on Sunday, March 29, for the initiative, citing it as an example of solidarity during a period of rising oil prices and

economic disruption. Executive Secretary Ralph G. Recto noted that such local interventions reflect the spirit of "damayan" as the government moves to cushion the effects of volatile fuel prices on ordinary Filipinos.

"We also note with appreciation the City of Manila's enterprising and inspiring move to fully subsidize the operations of thousands of jeepneys so they can ferry passengers for free," Recto said in a press statement. "These are examples of damayan that will help

The free rides are scheduled for two weeks, running on Monday and Tuesday of the first week, and Monday through Wednesday of the second week to coincide with high-volume working days. Officials noted that while the initial run is limited to five days, the city is exploring ways to extend the program if it proves successful and if additional resources become available.

"Malaki ang matitipid ninyo sa pama-sahe sa loob ng isang linggo. Tipirin ninyo yan," Domagoso added, addressing the city's students and parents. "In a matter of 48 hours, we are trying to come up with an idea to help ease the burden. This is our small way of helping you cope with daily expenses." (JLN/PIA-NCR)

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Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **SECURITY BANK CORPORATION** at Security Bank Centre Building, 6776 Ayala Ave., Makati City, and against the mortgagor, **MIKE BREN VILLANUEVA SIMEON** at Lot 3, Road Lot 5, Vista Verde South Phase 1-A-1, Brgy. Mambog I, Bacoor, Cavite and Block 14 Lot 1 Phase 1 Villa Arsenia Subdivision, Mambog 3, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of February 26, 2026, amounts to **SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THREE PESOS 67/100 (P6,555,723.67)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **May 7, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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DTI: Commodity prices on hold until

April 16

MANILA – Prices of basic necessities and prime commodities (BN-PCs) will increase only starting April 17, following a meeting among officials of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), manufacturers and retailers Saturday.

In a statement issued Saturday night, the DTI said representatives of manufacturers and retailers have agreed to hold off upward price adjustments until April 16 to ensure stability of prices amid the effects of ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

"This price stability effort is supported by BNPC manufacturers and retailers who have pledged to absorb current logistics and inventory pressures," it said.

Present during the meeting were representatives from Alaska Milk Corporation, Chattrade Enterprises, Commonwealth Foods Inc., Century Pacific Food Inc., Ecosential Foods Corp, Sevilla Candle Factory Inc., Lorenzana Food Corp., Monde Nissin, Nestle Philippines, Procter & Gamble Philippines Inc., San Miguel Foods, Stord Development Corp., Unilever Philippines Inc., Universal Canning Inc., Universal Robina Corporation, Virginia Food Inc., Wellmade Manufacturing Corporation.

Representatives from the Canned Sardines Association of the Philippines also attended the meeting, he said.

Retailers' group



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The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Oriental Mindoro and the City College of Calapan conducted a benchmarking activity on February 24, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

The activity aimed to learn from the best practices and successful programs of the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) particularly in strengthening employment facilitation, industry linkages, and career development initiatives.

Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia delivered the welcome remarks, highlighting the importance of collaboration and knowledge-sharing among local government units to further enhance public service delivery.

Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, OPPEM Head, presented the office's key programs and activities, and discussed the department's best practices in employment services, partnerships, and workforce development.

Also present during the program was Mr. Ferdinand A. Belamide, Chief of Staff, who expressed support for initiatives that promote institutional learning and

representatives during the meeting include those from Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc., SM Markets (SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket, Savemore), Metro Retail Stores Group Inc., and the Philippine Amalgamated Supermarkets Association.

Last Friday, DTI said that while Malacañang declared a state of national energy emergency, this does not come with an automatic price freeze clause.

Thus, the strengthened nationwide monitoring to ensure stability of prices and supply.

A 60-day price freeze is automatically in place upon the declaration of a state of calamity in an area, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act.

The DTI has jurisdiction over 726 variants of essential products, of which 196 SKUs (stock keeping units) have Suggested Retail Price (SRP).

These products include canned sardines, canned meat, coffee, processed milk, instant noodles, condiments, laundry soap, toilet soap, candles, salt, battery, bottled water, and bread, it said.

The statement encourages the public to check the complete list of NCPCs and their SRP through the DTI website, www.dti.gov.ph, and its various social media channels as well as the supermarkets and groceries.

(PNA)

PBBM Inspects Newly Opened CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. inspected the newly opened final segment of the CAVITEX C5 Link.

The newly opened stretch runs from Airport View Subdivision to the Sucat Interchange in Parañaque City.

The project is a joint venture between Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation's (MPTC) subsidiary, Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA).

Joining the President in the inspection were Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez; Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon; Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) Chairman Alex Lopez; MPTC President Emeritus Mr. Jose Maria Lim; MPTC President and CEO Gilbert Sta. Maria; and Transportation Undersecretary Steve Pastor.

Segment 3B completes the 7.7-kilometer CAVITEX C5 Link. It connects Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to C5 Road in Taguig City, reducing travel time from the usual 1.5 hours to just 15 minutes.

DTI Laguna Brings Entrepreneurship Training to Women PDLs at Santa Cruz District Jail

Santa Cruz, Laguna — March 25, 2026 — In celebration of National Women's Month, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office, through Negosyo Center Santa Cruz, partnered with Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Santa Cruz to bring entrepreneurship education directly to women Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) at the BJMP Santa Cruz District Jail.

The seminar, titled "How to Start a Business," provided participants with practical knowledge and basic entrepreneurial skills, empowering them to explore sustainable livelihood opportunities and prepare for successful



The opening follows the earlier completion of Segment 3A-1 (C5 Flyover to Merville), Segment 3A-2 (Merville to RSG and Airport View), and Segment 2 (Sucat Interchange to R1 Expressway) between 2019 and 2024. To immediately serve the motoring public, Segment 3B will initially open under a modified scheme for a seamless bidirectional travel. Eastbound motorists will have direct access to Bonifacio Global City (BGC), while westbound travelers will have a smoother route toward Parañaque, Las Piñas, Bacoor, and Kawit, Cavite.

Designed as a six-lane expressway (three lanes per direction), the at-grade section will temporarily operate with four lanes (two lanes per direction) while Right-of-Way (ROW) concerns are being addressed. Once the DPWH acquires the pending ROW, the remaining portion of the service road will also be completed and opened in its planned two-lane-per-direction configuration. Construction of the additional expressway lanes will then begin to complete the full six-lane capacity for the entire stretch.

The CAVITEX C5 Link provides efficient access to NAIIA and C5, via key interchanges at the R1 Expressway (Coastal Road), Sucat Road (Dr. A Santos Avenue), and C.P. Garcia Avenue (C5 Road). The expressway is project-

ed to serve around 36,000 motorists daily.

By diverting heavy traffic, including commercial trucks, the expressway eases congestion on major arterial roads across Cavite and southern Metro Manila. It also strengthens the logistics link between the industrial hubs of Cavite and the commercial centers of the National Capital Region, supporting regional economic growth.

Segment 3B will be free for all classes until further announcement. Motorists will only pay the existing toll fees for CAVITEX C5 Link Segments 2, 3A-1, and 3A-2. Any updates will be announced by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) in coordination with CAVITEX management.

Participants actively

reintegration into society. Women PDLs were introduced to essential business concepts, including identifying viable business ideas, managing limited resources, and applying simple budgeting and financial planning. The seminar also highlighted the importance of determination, discipline, and creativity in

building a sustainable livelihood. The collaboration between DTI Laguna and PESO Santa Cruz reflects a shared commitment to inclusive economic development, ensuring that opportunities for learning and livelihood reach every sector of society (VDA/Alvarez, DTI Laguna).

She also reiterated her call for a review of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law to ensure it remains responsive to current economic realities.

"Panahon na para balik natin ang TRAIN Law at tiyakin na hindi ito nagiging pagibat sa ating mga kababayan. Sa gitna ng krisis, dapat mas pinoprotektahan natin ang purchasing power ng ating kababayang Pilipino." (It is time to revisit the TRAIN Law and en-



ATI, Partners Hold Outreach Activity for Bahay Tuluyan ng Bata

DASMARIÑAS, Cavite — The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), in partnership with the ATI Employees Association (ATIEA) and the ATI Multi-Purpose Cooperative (ATIMPC), conducted an outreach activity for the young girls of Bahay Tuluyan ng Bata (Home for Girls) on March 19, 2026.

Titled "Sparks of Hope: Unleash the Compassion," the activity included games and the distribution of gifts for the beneficiaries.

Bahay Tuluyan ng Bata, a residential care facility under the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), provides shelter and support services for children in need.

ATIEA President Emerson Deñado deliv-

ered a message of support to the participants, "Hindi kayo nag-iisa; may mga taong handang umalalay at sumuporta sa inyo sa bawat hakbang ng inyong paglalakbay", he said. ATIMPC Board of Director Yovina Claire A. Pauig also encouraged the participants to recognize their potential and pursue their aspirations.

Bahay Tuluyan ng Bata Center Head Rhodora B. Sajor expressed appreciation to ATI and its partners for selecting their facility as beneficiary of the outreach activity.

This initiative stands as a testament to ATI and its partners' commitment to nurturing the youth, fostering empowerment, and bringing hope to the community.

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es, which in turn is pushing transport costs and basic commodity prices higher. This has placed added strain on Filipino households.

"To ease the burden on our people, we must seriously consider reducing or suspending VAT on basic necessities such as sardines, eggs, bread, coffee, sugar, and rice," the Cavite lawmaker said.

She noted that these staple items are consumed daily by millions of Filipinos, particularly the middle class and low-income sectors who are most vulnerable to inflation.

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sure that it does not become an added burden on our citizens. In the midst of crisis, we must safeguard the purchasing power of the Filipino people.)

In the power sector, Mercado-Revilla highlighted the need to immediately pass House Bill (HB) No. 6976, which sought to remove system loss charges being passed on to electricity consumers.

"Bilang may-akda ng House Bill No. 6976, naninindigan ako na hindi dapat ipinapasa sa consumers ang system loss charges. Ito ay inefficiency na dapat sagutin ng power companies, hindi ng taumbayan," she emphasized.

(As the author of House Bill No. 6976, I firmly stand that system loss charges should not be passed on to consumers.

This inefficiency must be shouldered by power companies, not by the people.) She said that eliminating these charges would provide direct and immediate relief to households grappling with rising electricity costs on top of increasing prices of basic goods./PR



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ACC president praises PH track cycling hosting, world-class venues

Mga katoto sadyang ipinamalas ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) na nasa ilalim ng pamumuno ni katotong Ariel Nepomuceno ang malasakit nito sa bayan upang matugunan ang mga nagaganap na krisis hinggil sa mga suliranin sa petrolyo gawa ng nagaganap na digmaan sa Gitnang Silangan.

Kaya't pinagtibay ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) ang mga hakbang nito upang matiyak ang matatag at walang hadlang na daloy ng mga inaangkat na petrolyo sa lahat ng daungan sa pamamagitan ng pinaigting na pang-araw-araw na pagsubaybay at prayoridad na pagproseso ng mga kargamento ng gasolina.

Pagpapadali sa mga Kargamento ng Panggatong Upang matiyak ang walang hadlang na pagpasok ng mga kritikal na kargamento ng gasolina, naglabas si Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno ng OCOM Memo Blg. 36-2026 na may petsang 23 Marso 2026, na nag-uutos sa lahat ng daungan na ipatupad ang preferential handling, agarang pagdiskarga, pinabilis na pagproseso ng customs, pag-iwas sa mga pagkaantala sa proseso, koordinasyon sa pagitan ng mga ahensya, at patuloy na pagsubaybay para sa lahat ng inaangkat na petrolyo.

Ang mga hakbang na ito ay agad na ipinatupad sa pagproseso ng dalawang pangunahing kargamento ng gasolina sa San Fernando, La Union at Limay, Bataan. Sa Daungan ng San Fernando, La Union, pi-

nadali ng BOC ang pagdating ng 9,157,667 litro ng diesel shipment na naka-consign sa PNOG, na dumating kahapon sa SEA-IL Bangar Terminal—ang pinakamalaking oil import terminal sa Region I—at pinabilis para sa ganap na pagdiskarga ngayon. Ito ay kasunod ng naunang koordinasyon sa pagitan ng mga kinatawan ng BOC at PNOG upang matiyak ang wastong dokumentasyon, mga hakbang sa pagsunod, at ang pagpapatupad ng mga kinakailangang fuel marking procedure bago ang pagbaba. Ang kargamento ay bahagi ng Strategic Fuel Reserve program ng Department of Energy (DOE) at sumusuporta sa mga pagsisikap na patatagin ang suplay ng gasolina sa Luzon.

Samantala sa Daungan ng Limay, pinadali ng Bureau of Customs ang prayoridad na pagproseso ng kargamento ng krudo na inihatid ng M/T Sara Sky, isang barkong may bandila ng Sierra Leone na may dalang krudo na ESPO Blend mula sa Russia. Dumating ang barko noong ika-23 ng Marso 2026 at naghatid ng 100,402.776 bariles ng krudo mula sa US na naka-consign sa Petron Corporation, na ganap na ibinaba sa Petron Bataan Refinery sa ilalim ng pagsubaybay ng BOC upang matiyak ang napapanahong pagsasama sa pambansang suplay ng gasolina.

Biniyang-diin ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno ang proaktibong papel ng Bureau, na nagsasabing, "Ang pagtiyak sa napapanahong paglabas ng mga produk-

tong petrolyo ay mahalaga upang mapanatili ang takbo ng bansa. Kaya naman tintiyak namin na ang mga kargamento ng petrolyo ay pinoproseso nang walang pagkaantala at mahigpit na minomonitor sa lahat ng oras. Simple lang ang aming layunin—ang panatilihin matatag ang suplay at tiyaking walang pagkaantala ang makakarating sa aming mga industriya o sa aming mga komunidad."

Pinuri ng Commissioner ang mga Daungan para sa kanilang napapanahong aksyon: "Pinuri ko ang Daungan ng San Fernando, La Union, at ang Daungan ng Limay para sa kanilang mabilis at mahusay na paghawak sa mga prayoridad na kargamento ng gasolina mula sa Russia at Japan. Tiniyak ng kanilang mabilis na aksyon at koordinasyon na ang mga mahahalagang produktong petrolyo ay nailabas nang walang pagkaantala."

Pinalakas na Pagmamarka ng Panggatong at Pangangasiwa sa Maritima Kap na ito sa pagpapadali ay sinusupportahan ng pinahusay na mga mekanismo ng pagpapatupad. Upang matiyak na ang lahat ng produktong petrolyo na pumapasok sa bansa ay tunay, bayad sa buwis, at sumusunod sa mga regulasyon, patuloy na pinapalakas ng BOC ang Fuel Marking Program nito gamit ang mga akreditadong depot.

Ang gasolina ay minarkahan at beripikahin sa antas ng depot upang kumpirmahin ang pagiging tunay at wastong deklarasyon ng buwis, at ang anumang kargamento na hindi sumusunod sa mga regulasyon ay agad na minamarkahan para sa pagsusuri—pinoprotektahan ang mga mamimili at pinangangalagaan ang kita ng gobyerno. Karagdagan pa rito ang sistema ng pagsubaybay sa barko ng Bureau, na nagbibigay-daan sa patuloy na pagsubaybay sa mga tanker habang nasa dagat habang papalapit sila sa hurisdiksyon ng Pilipinas. Pinapayagan

ng mga regulasyon, tintiyak na ang mga inaangkat na petrolyo na pumapasok sa mga daungan ay mahusay na pinoproseso, mahigpit na sinusubaybay, at ginagawang magagamit upang matugunan ang mga pangangailangan sa enerhiya ng bansa nang walang pagkapira-pirasos.

Pagbibigay-prioridad at Pag-angkat ng Langis Sa pakikipagtulungan sa DOE, pinalakas ng BOC ang real-time na pangangasiwa nito sa mga kargamento ng gasolina at mga imbentaryo ng depot sa lahat ng daungan sa buong bansa upang matiyak ang tuluy-tuloy at walang harang na daloy ng mga inaangkat na petrolyo.

Ang mga daungan na tumatanggap ng mga kargamento ng petrolyo sa lahat ng daungan ay inatasan na unahin ang mga kargamento ng gasolina, mapanatili ang tumpak na pag-uulat ng imbentaryo ng mga depot sa loob ng kanilang hurisdiksyon, at tiyakin ang maayos na koordinasyon sa mga yunit. Mayroon ding mga pinahusay na mekanismo ng pag-uulat upang suportahan ang napapanahong pagsusumite ng datos na kinakailangan para sa pagsubaybay sa dami ng mga inaangkat at antas ng imbentaryo.

Ang patuloy na pagsubaybay sa dami ng inaangkat na petrolyo at imbentaryo ng mga depot sa lahat ng daungan ay sumusuporta sa matatag na koleksyon mula sa mga inaangkat na may kaugnayan sa petrolyo at mga excise duty, na sumasalamin sa pare-parehong aktibidad ng pag-angkat at mahusay na mga sistema ng pagproseso. Ang mga inaangkat na petrolyo ay bumubuo ng humigit-kumulang ₱200 bilyon taun-taon, na kumakatawan sa isang malaking bahagi ng kabuuang koleksyon ng Kawanihan at ang pangangailangan para sa mahusay at maayos na mga proseso. Nananatiling matatag ang BOC sa manadato nito na balansehin ang pagpapadali ng kalakalan sa pagpapatupad

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Special greetings and sincere gratitude to the President and CEO, Mr. Joseph "Buddy" Madrigal and Chairman, Mr. Jefferson Cheng and also thanks to Special Assistant to the Chairman, Ms. Shirley Raniedo for your continued support and kindness. Thank you very much. God bless you more.

Hi katotong DR. SIEGFRED "YEYE" L. MANAOIS, isang taong tunay na may malasakit at sadyang ipinamalas ang sakripisyo bilang lingkod bayan, kung saan sadyang kapuripuri ang ipinamalas na sakripisyo sa pagtaas ng koleksyon simula nang maitalaga ito sa bodega ng PAIRCARGO sa Bureau of Customs (BOC) sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Ang walang kupas na hinahangaan ng lahat sa taglay nitong kabaitan at pakikisama, walang mataas at mababa, lahat ay pantay-pantay ang kanyang pagtingin na alalaumbagay taglay ang dakilang hangaring maitaas ang koleksyon ng Kagawaran.

Kung kaya't sang damukal ang mga nakamit na parangal partikular sa iba't ibang bansa tulad ng U.S. Embassy, Russian Embassy, China, at iba pa. Ganyan katindi mga katoto ang tinutukoy kong tao si katotong DR. SIEGFRED "YEYE" MANAOIS SPL Deputy Collector Paircargos Assessment Composite Division BOC NAI, kung saan nagtatrabaho ng 24/7 umulan at bumagyo, gabi na kung umuwi sa pag-aalalang makatulong sa mga taong nais makapaglabas ng kargamento upang makadagdag sa pagtaas ng revenue collection. Mabuhay ka katotong DR. YEYE. God bless you more katoto.

Hi to biyuting Atty. Edith Napalan, Chief City Treasurer's Office of Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, and Asst. Chief Carol Marges, same as their staff Ma. Florentina, Roselyn, and Christina. God bless you more mga katoto. Hi to Atty. Marites Tamayo, Register of Deeds (RD) and RD Examiner Darwin Bantiles of Bacoor City, Province of Cavite. God bless you more mga katoto. Hi to Manila Health Department Head and concurrent OMMC Hospital Director Dra. Grace Padilla. God bless you more katoto. Hi to MHD Dr. Creelda Corozza, Head District 1 Officer, District 1 Manila. God bless you more katoto. Hi to Philippine Orthopedic Center Hospital Director Dr. Brix Puhalte Jr., na nagmana sa aming nitong si Dr. Puhalte Sr. na nag-iwan ng isang di matatwaring alaala sa POC, at biyuting 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 X-Ray Records Head Gina Geronimo, Marivel, Ronnie, and Marvin. God bless you more mga katoto. Hi to BIR Commissioner Carlito Martin Mendoza and BIR Deputy Commissioner Vener Vaquiran. God bless you more mga katoto. Hi to Atty. Rosario M. Padilla, Chief BIR Collection Department. God bless you more katoto. Hi to BIR Chief of Staff Ms. Bianca Hernandez and Ms. Angel of DepCom Vaquiran's Office. God bless you more mga katoto. Usaping DABAKARDS lalo na sa mga kalapit na tanggapan sa paligid ng Intramuros. Mga katoto, kung nais ninyo ng masarap na lutong Pinoy na tsibog, mag-alih at mag-relax habang nakikinig ng live acoustic at folk songs, magtungo sa I-TOP VIEW CAFE & RESTAURANT, 4th floor Roof Deck, Intramall Bldg. 706 Escuela St., Intramuros, Manila. Let's eat, enjoy, and relax.

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POM PASSES INTERNAL QUALITY AUDIT, REAFFIRMS OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Customs–Port of Manila (BOC–POM) successfully passed the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) conducted by the Bureau's Interim Internal Quality Management Systems Office (IIQMSO) on March 25–26, 2026, reinforcing the port's commitment to high operational standards and effective quality management practices.

The audit evaluated the Port's compliance with established quality management systems and operational procedures. Results showed three Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) and two positive findings, indicating both strong adherence to standards and areas for further enhancement. Among the commendations cited by the audit team was the Port of Manila's implementation of a paperless management system aimed at reducing documentation bottlenecks and improving operational efficiency. Auditors also recognized the Port's proactive measures in addressing emerging geopolitical developments that could affect trade and customs operations.

Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno said the audit results reflect the Bureau's ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional reforms and enhance service delivery across ports nationwide. At the port level, District Collector Rizalino Jose C. Torralba expressed appreciation to the IIQMSO audit team led by Joseph G. Escasio for their assessment and recommendations, which will further improve the Port's quality management systems. Torralba also acknowledged the support of the Port's leadership team, including Deputy Collector for Assessment Florante Ricarte, Deputy Collector for Administration Marilou A. Cabigon, and Deputy Collector for Operations Atty. Gerard Turiano, whose coordination and oversight helped ensure the Port's readiness for the audit. The POM Quality Management Unit, headed by Cabigon, was also recognized for ensuring compliance with quality standards and facilitating preparations for the evaluation. Officials said the successful audit outcome reflects the collective commitment of Port of Manila personnel to continuous improvement, operational integrity, and efficient public service, aligned with the reform agenda of the Bureau of Customs.



ACC president praises PH track cycling hosting, world-class venues

MANILA — The Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) lauded the country's successful hosting of the 45th Asian Track Championships and 14th Asian Para Track Championships at Tagaytay CT Velodrome in Cavite.

"The Philippines is playing a major role in the development of track cycling in Asia. What I see is a nation stepping up, investing in world-class facilities, including a 250-meter indoor, homologated velodrome. This clearly places the Philippines among the emerging forces in cycling in Asia," ACC president Dató Amarjit Singh Gill said in a news release Tuesday.

During the Gala Night celebrating the ACC's 33rd foundation anniversary Monday night in Tagaytay, Gill presented a plaque of appreciation to PhilCycling (Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines) president Abraham Tolentino.

"I want to congratulate president Bambol Tolentino for his leadership, his foresight and his vision to make this happen. Well done, the Philippines," Gill, who also serves as vice president of the International Cycling Union, said. The new Tagaytay CT Velodrome sits adjacent to another UCI-standard BMX track which was built for the country's hosting of the 2019 Southeast Asian Games.

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"Thank you to everyone who supported us.



JOB WELL DONE. PhilCycling (Integrated Cycling Federation of the Philippines) president Abraham Tolentino (left) receives a plaque from Asian Cycling Confederation president Dató Amarjit Singh Gill during the gala night celebrating the continental organization's 33rd foundation anniversary in Tagaytay City on Monday (March 30, 2026). The Philippines hosted the ACC track and para track championships March 25 to 31. (PhilCycling photo)

This is world-class and to host an international event right away makes it even more special"

Meanwhile, powerhouse China bagged four more gold medals to remain the overall leader with 17 golds, nine silvers and one bronze medal.

Japan ranked second with 5-7-9, followed by South Korea (5-7-6), Chinese Taipei (3-3-5), Hong Kong China (3-1-10), Uzbekistan (3-1-4), Kazakhstan (2-5-1) and Malaysia (1-4-1).

India and Singapore has a silver medal each, Indonesia a bronze while the other teams in the 16-nation competition have yet to medal.

Sichen Huang ruled the junior men omnium, Zhengyu Pei delivered in elite men individual pursuit, Haijiao Sun added another in elite men scratch race and Liying Yuan topped the women elite sprint for

China. Other winners were Kaiya Ota of Japan (men elite sprint), Sze Wing Lee of Hong Kong (elite women scratch race), Sawda Hasbullah of Malaysia (junior women 1-km time trial), Seokhyeon Yun of Korea (junior men 1-km time trial) and Ekaterina Makarochkina of Uzbekistan (junior women omnium).

The Philippines' Patrick Gerard Lee pocketed bronze in the men's C5 scratch race of para cycling Sunday. (PNA)

Dinaluhan ang aktibidad ng mga opisyal, enlisted personnel, at mga kawani ng sibilanyan mula sa Headquarters, na sumasalamin sa pagkakaisa at iisang layunin sa pagbibigay-pugay sa mahigit isang siglong tapat na paglilingkod militar.

Sa ginanap na seremonya, inihatid ni Brig. Gen. Patricio S. Tomales, Deputy Commander ng RESCOM, PA, ang men-

sahang ng Commanding General ng Philippine Army, kung saan kinilala nito ang kabayanihan at sakripisyo ng mga beteranong sundalo, gayundin ang katatagan ng mga kasalukuyang tropa na nakatalaga sa kabundukan upang isakatuparan ang kanilang mga misyon. Binigyang-diin din ang mahalagang papel ng mga tauhan sa mga yunit sa kampo at ng mga kawani ng sibilanyan mula sa patuloy na nagsusulong ng maayos na pagpapalano at suporta upang mapanatili ang ka-

handaan ng mga yunit ng Philippine Army sa buong bansa.

"Sa loob ng 129 na taon, nananatili tayong matatag, at lalo pang tumitibay ang ating paninindigan. Nakatindig tayo nang may dangal, handa sa anumang hamon, at nagkakaisa," mensahe ni Lt. Gen. Antonio Nafarrete, Commanding General, Philippine Army.

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