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BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The City Government of Bacoor is pushing for a community-based carpooling arrangement for its travelling residents to help reduce traffic congestion and save fuel.

Dagdag COCO-alaman, Dagdag-Kabuhayan: Pagsasanay sa Non-food Coco Products, Handog sa mga Magniniyog

"Hindi lang pala skills ang natutunan ko sa training na ito—natuto rin ako tungkol sa empowerment, pagiging innovative, at 'yung responsibilidad natin sa komunidad at sa kalikasan."

Ito ang mensahe ni Bb. Bea Llagono sa kanyang mga kapwa kalahok sa isinagawang Training of Trainers on the Production of Coconut Products and By-Products (Non-Food) sa Ouan's Worth and Family Resort, Lucena City, Quezon noong Marso 23-27, 2026.

Pinangunahan ng DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON ang nasabing pagsasanay, sa pakikipag-tulungan sa DA-Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region IV-A, na naglalayong palawakin ang kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga kalahok sa value-adding ng mga coconut-based non-food product at mga by-product nito, gamit ang angkop na teknolohiya at pamantayan sa de-kalidad na produksyon.

Sa pagbabahagi



reduce traffic, especially in major thoroughfares.

To ensure the safety of car owners and passengers, the ordinance requires that vehicles to be used in the carpooling initiative must secure insurance. "Kapag naaprubahan ito, ipapatupad natin ang carpooling system. Pero of course, i-re-require natin na mayroong insurance [ang mga sasakyan]."

Revilla added that through the ordinance, residents will adopt a carpooling scheme when

travelling to help minimize expenses.

"Para makatulong tayo sa pagtitipid ng gasolina at diesel, ipu-pool natin 'yung mga magkapatibahay para makabawas sa gastos. Napakaimportante rin nitong carpooling at ibababa natin ito sa mga community at mga barangay natin."

The local chief executive also emphasized that the carpooling initiative will become voluntary for residents. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

Every centavo counts: DOLE sets pay rules for Araw ng Kagitingan

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has released a guideline on the computation of payment, especially for employees who would report to work during the Araw ng Kagitingan on April 9, Thursday.

In a labor advisory released on Thursday, DOLE said that even if the employee does not work, his or her employer shall pay 100 percent of the employee's wage for that day.

The condition, however, is that the employee should have reported to work, or was on leave of absence with pay on the day immediately preceding the Araw ng Kagitingan.

But in case the day before the Araw ng Kagitingan was a non-working day in the establishment or the scheduled rest day of the employee, "he or she shall be entitled to holiday pay if the employee reports to work or is on leave of absence with pay on the day immediately preceding the non-working day or rest day".

For those who were tapped or required to work, DOLE said the employer must pay a total of 200 percent of the employee's wage for that day—and that is only for the eight hours of work.

But what if the Araw ng Kagitingan falls on the day off of the employee,

but he or she was required to work?

Then an additional 30 percent of the basic wage of 200 percent must be paid to the employee, according to DOLE.

"For work done in excess of eight hours during a regular holiday that also falls on the employee's rest day, the employer shall pay the employee an additional 30% of the hourly rate on said day," the advisory read.

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On March 26, 2026, DOST CALABARZON participated in the 2026 Regional Women's Month Celebration at the New Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Hosted by the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev), the event brought together Gender and Development advocates from all over CALABARZON to highlight women's contributions to development as well as promote gender equality and inclusive empowerment in the region.

Highlights of the event included a keynote message from Dr. Carlos P. Buasen, Regional Director of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Region IV-A, who spoke about

the importance of inclusivity and sensitivity towards indigenous people, especially women from IP communities, in the pursuit of sustainable development.

Attendees also participated in a talk show segment titled "Modern-Day Babaylans: Filipinas Who Lead with Purpose," where Asst. Prof. Thea Maries P. Perez from the GAD Resource Pool of Cavite State University and Human Rights and Custodial Officer PSSg Florenda C. Asotigue from the Bacoor Component City Police Station served as panelists.

The talk show was followed by an open forum where participants asked questions and shared insights on women empowerment and leadership.

Aside from these sessions, participants attended a trade fair where women-led businesses presented their products

and availed free services from various government agencies such as the Philippine Statistics Authority, PAG-IBIG Fund, and the Philippine Commission on Population and Development. Services included legal consultation, breast screening, visual inspection with acetic acid, HIV testing, counselling, and the provision of contraceptives and hygiene kits.

Representing DOST CALABARZON were Ms. Thea Mary Joyce M. Diloy, Ms. Michelle L. Combate, and Ms. Jenica Krystel N. Balenia of DOST Cavite, along with Ms. Vera Karuna C. Sudaprasert, GAD Secretariat of DOST CALABARZON.

Their participation forms part of the agency's continuing efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment through science, technology, and innovation.

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Gayundin, bilang bahagi ng pagpapalawak ng kaalaman tungkol sa mga programa at patakaran ng PhilHealth, ipinamalas ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang husay at pagkamalikhain sa pamamagitan ng role-playing, paggawa ng poster, slogan, tula, jingle o kanta, at sayaw. Sa pamamagitan ng mga gawaing ito, higit na napalalim ang kanilang

pag-unawa habang sila ay aktibong nakikilahok at nag-eeenjoy sa mga makabuluhang aktibidad.

Lubos ang pasasalamat ng PhilHealth sa mga school administrators, guro, at mga mag-aaral na naging bahagi ng matagumpay na gawaing ito upang palakasin ang kamalayan ng mga mag-aaral tungkol sa PhilHealth. /PR



Oil price relief: Bong Go bill temporarily suspends PhilHealth, SSS, GSIS contribution payments

Senator Christopher "Bong" Go is pushing for the temporary suspension of government contribution payments to various agencies as Filipinos continue to struggle with high fuel prices.

Among the agencies covered in Go's proposal are the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund). Go's proposed

"Fuel Crisis Immediate Relief and Response Act" outlines economic safeguards aimed at easing financial pressure on households and vulnerable sectors affected by global oil market disruptions.

In his explanatory note, Go cited escalating tensions in West Asia, particularly involving major oil-producing nations and key oil transit routes, as a driver of global fuel price instability. He noted that conflicts in the region, especially involving Iran, Israel, and key oil tran-

sit routes such as the Strait of Hormuz, have caused interruptions in oil supply, leading to unstable markets and rising global fuel prices.

Go also pointed out that global crude prices have surged past \$115 per barrel, stressing that the Philippines, as a net oil-importing country, remains highly vulnerable to external shocks.

He said these developments have resulted in increased transportation costs, higher prices of basic goods, and reduced purchasing power among Filipino households, particularly affecting low- and middle-income families.

Under the proposal, contributions to PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG, GSIS, and SSS would be deferred for two months and settled on a staggered basis over three monthly installments.

The measure also provides a 30-day grace period for payment of existing loans from GSIS, SSS, Pag-IBIG, and other government lending institutions without interest, penalties, or additional charges.

It likewise includes a 30-day grace period for utility payments

of residential and small business accounts, including electricity, water, and telecommunications, with unpaid bills to be settled on a staggered basis.

The bill directs the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to strictly enforce laws against hoarding, profiteering, price manipulation, and other practices affecting essential goods and services.

It also proposes targeted assistance such as fuel subsidies, discounts for public utility drivers and operators, agricultural workers, and transport personnel, as well as a Libreng Sakay program in priority routes.

The measure further seeks to expand access to credit for MSMEs, cooperatives, and agricultural workers, provide loan interest rate subsidies, and extend reintegration support for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

It also allows temporary price controls on basic goods, medicines, and residential rents during periods of significant fuel price increases or national energy emergencies.

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"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13



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MIKE BREN VILLANUEVA SIMEON,
Mortgagor,

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

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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"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 14, 2026**, without further notice."

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City of Bacoor, March 24, 2026.

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DOTr to pay route-based PUVs P30-P100/km starting April 15



The Department of Transportation's service contracting program will provide financial support for buses and jeeps at rates ranging from P30 to P100 per kilometer, depending on vehicle type, beginning April 15, 2026. Screengrab livestream – DOTr / Facebook

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Transportation (DOTr)'s service contracting program, beginning April 15, will provide financial support for buses and jeepneys at rates ranging from P30 to P100 per kilometer, depending on vehicle type.

This is part of efforts to stabilize public transport operations nationwide amid the Middle East crisis, the DOTr announced in a press conference on Friday.

Under the program, traditional jeepneys will receive P30 per kilometer, while modern jeepneys and UV Express units will be paid P40 per kilometer. Bus units, on the other hand, will be compensated at P100 per kilometer, the DOTr said during the briefing.

The DOTr has allocated an initial P1 billion to fund its service contracting program, intended to sustain operations for around two weeks, with P200 million earmarked

Bacoor, Cavite

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for maritime transport and the remaining P800 million for road-based public transportation services.

This initial P1 billion is enough to sustain the program for around two weeks, Lopez said, adding that the allocation may be expanded depending on demand and approval of additional funding requests.

"This is for sustainability. This is a more concrete action that we are implementing nationwide," DOTr Secretary Giovanni Lopez said during the press conference.

With many drivers and operators opting to suspend trips due to high fuel costs, the agency said the program is intended to ensure stable income for drivers and operators while maintaining regular public transport services.

Commuters are also expected to benefit from fare reductions under the program, with the government earlier announcing an additional 20 percent

discount for passengers in participating routes.

This is on top of existing statutory discounts for students, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities (PWDs). Hence, eligible commuters may receive total fare discounts of up to 40 percent.

The DOTr estimates that the program will benefit 15 million passengers daily, 50,000 PUV units, and 1,000 transport operators along busy routes and feeder lines going to trains and busways where most commuters pass through.

However, the program will initially be limited to route-based public transport services, focusing on units operating along established routes such as buses, jeepneys, carousels, and UV Express, and will not yet include taxis.

Monitoring

Moreover, the program will be monitored through a combination of Global Positioning System (GPS)-based tracking and a manual validation system.

Units equipped with GPS devices will be automatically tracked to verify actual kilometers traveled, allowing for faster pro-

cessing of payments under the service contracting scheme.

Lopez said the DOTr has coordinated with GPS providers and agreed on a rental fee of P500 per month, to be shouldered by drivers and operators.

For units without GPS, manual monitoring and validation will still be implemented through field personnel and coordinating agencies such as the Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

Officials said the dual system is intended to ensure coverage while gradually transitioning toward full digital monitoring.

"It is better that you have a GPS because first, it will speed up the payment of your service contracting program. Second, it helps prevent corruption," Lopez said.

Meanwhile, the DOTr secretary said payments under the program will be expedited, with disbursements expected within three to five days, compared to the previous system, where processing could take several weeks or even months. /PR

DTI Laguna, CLDD Empower Calamba MSMEs with Smarter Pricing and Costing Strategies

Calamba City, Laguna — March 23, 2026 — To strengthen the competitiveness of local enterprises, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, in partnership

with the Calamba City Cooperatives and Livelihood Development Department (CLDD), conducted a seminar on Basic Pricing and Costing for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) at the CLDD Training Center, Mercado de Calamba.

The half-day activity brought together aspiring and existing entrepreneurs, equipping them with practical tools to set competitive prices, manage costs effectively, and improve overall business sustainability.

Opening the program, Ms. Phoebe Cervantes, Supervising Head and Cooperatives Development Specialist, emphasized the importance of continuous learning and

capacity-building to help MSMEs adapt to market demands and enhance their operations.

The main session was led by Ms. Rica Mae E. Garcia, Senior Business Counselor at Negosyo Center Majayjay, who delivered a comprehensive yet practical discussion on pricing and costing fundamentals. Topics included the difference between cost and price, key components of costing, factors influencing pricing decisions, and applicable pricing strategies for MSMEs. Participants also learned how to compute manufacturing and operational costs through a step-by-step guide, culminating in a hands-on exercise that allowed them to apply the concepts to real business scenarios.

To further strengthen entrepreneurial awareness, the seminar also featured a session on consumer education by Ms.

Ma. Angelika M. Clavio, Business Counselor at Negosyo Center Pangil. She discussed consumer rights and responsibilities, as well as the role of government agencies in consumer protection, enabling participants to make informed decisions both as entrepreneurs and consumers.

An interactive question-and-answer segment capped the activity, giving participants the opportunity to clarify key concepts and share their business experiences. The seminar received positive feedback, with attendees noting its relevance and immediate applicability to their day-to-day operations.

This initiative reflects DTI Laguna and CLDD's commitment to fostering the development and competitiveness of MSMEs within the province (RMEGarcia, DTI Laguna).



SUMMER SAYA SA DASMARIÑAS FOOD BAZAAR & TRADE FAIR 2026

Ginanap ngayong araw, Abril 8, 2026, ang pagbukas ng Summer Saya sa Dasmariñas Food Bazaar & Trade Fair 2026 sa City of Dasmariñas Arena Parking Grounds.

Ang aktibidad na ito ay naisakatuparan sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan ng Pamahalaang Lokal ng Dasmariñas at ng Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (LEDIPO).

Dinaluhan ito nina Vice Mayor Third Barzaga at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod bilang suporta sa patuloy na pagsusulong ng lokal na negosyo sa lungsod.

Bukas ito mula Abril 8 hanggang Abril 16, 2026.

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GenTri e-Bus line goes green with no fare hike

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Public transportation in General Trias is going green as the city transitions to using electric buses.

Starting April 7, the PERJODA Transport Cooperative's electric bus line will start plying routes within the city following the launch of its charging station in Barangay San Francisco.

Mayor Luis Ferrer IV said launching the electric bus line will help Public

Utility Vehicle (PUV) drivers and operators, as well as the riding public, save fuel amid rising costs.

Despite going electric, the local chief executive assured commuters that there will be no fare hike. "Napapanahon po ito lalo na sa gitna ng patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng krudo, kaya't malaking ginhawa sa ating mga tsuper at mananakay ang pangako nilang walang dagdag na pasaha."

Ferrer said the elec-

tric bus line promised to provide inclusive transportation services, with bus conductors assisting passengers, including Persons With Disabilities and pregnant women.

The city's transition to electric vehicles started in November 2025, when PERJODA launched its Modernization program that promised modernized and eco-friendly electric public utility vehicles. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, Jon-Jon Ferrer/Facebook)

Ramon Ang renews offer to sell Petron to government

San Miguel Corporation (SMC) Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang renewed his offer to sell Petron Corporation back to the Philippine government, as the country navigates a national energy emergency and some lawmakers once again explore the possibility of returning the country's only oil refinery to state hands.

"I first made this offer to Congress in 2021, and it remains open. If the government believes that Petron under its ownership will better serve the Filipino people especially in times like these, we are ready to sit down and make it happen," Ang said.

He said the sale could be structured in tranches at fair market val-

uation so the government would not need to shoulder a lump-sum payment during a difficult fiscal period.

"We have never treated Petron as simply a profit center. We lost over P11 billion in 2020. We invested \$2 billion to upgrade the Bataan refinery and kept it running even when it would have been easier to just import finished fuel, the way other oil companies chose to do. We did that because the country needs its own refining capacity. That has always been our reason," he said. With the Petron Bataan refinery processing 180,000 barrels per day and supplying roughly a third of national fuel demand, Ang noted that the facility's importance to energy security has only grown amid the disruption of the Strait of Hormuz and record-high fuel prices.

"This is not about who owns Petron. This is about what is best for the country."



