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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Office of the Provincial Assessor of Cavite, together with the Office of the Municipal Assessors of Cavite hereby invite all Real Property Owners, Barangay Officials, and Stakeholders to attend a Public Consultation on the Proposed Valuation Assessment Reform Act or RPVARA (RA 12001).

This will be held in the New Provincial Government Center, Brgy. San Agustin, Trece Martires City, Cavite on April 29 and May 6, 2026

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Produksyon ng Vanilla at Pamanang Pagkain, Bida sa Pagdiriwang ng High-Value Crops Week at Filipino Food Month

Patok sa panlasang Pilipino, gawang lokal, at dagdag na pinagkakakitaan. Ngayong linggo, ito ang itinampok ng DA - Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON bilang pagdiriwang ng High-Value Crops (HVC) Week at pagbubukas ng Filipino Food Month (FFM) ngayong Abril, kung saan ibinida ang produksyon ng vanilla at ugnayan ng mga pamanang pagkain sa agrikultura

Seminar sa Produksyon ng Vanilla

Bilang pagdiriwang sa HVC Week na may temang "Future-Proofing High-Value Crops Diversity: Gearing Towards Agro-industrialization and Bioeconomy," isang seminar tungkol sa produksyon ng vanilla ang handog ng DA-ATI CALABARZON sa mga magkasaka at agri-enthusiast noong Abril 7.

Layunin nitong palakasin ang produksyon at ipakilala ang iba't ibang potensyal na pagkakakitaan sa vanilla upang masuportahan ang agro-industriyal na pag-unlad sa rehiyon.

Nagbigay ng isang mensahe si Bb. Vira Ely-



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Makukulay na Pupugayo, Tampok sa Pupugayo Festival 2026 ng Imus



SSS responds to economic challenges with expanded relief programs, P60B in support for members and pensioners

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TINGNAN: Mahigit 130 Imuseño mula sa iba't ibang barangay ang nagsama-sama sa makukulay na pagdiriwang ng Pupugayo Festival 2026 na may temang "Sining at Giting sa Paglipad: Pag-Angat ng Lahing Matatag," na ginanap noong Huwebes, Abril 9, 2026, sa Cafe 10/23, Brgy.

Malagasang 2-C. Pinangunahan ito ng Office of the City Tourism and Heritage Officer sa pamumuno ni Tourism Officer Dr. Emanuel "Jun" Paredes, katuwang ang iba't ibang tanggapan. Dumalo rin sa nagsabing pagdiriwang sina City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, mga miyembro

ng Sangguniang Panlungsod, at department at unit heads na nagpakita ng suporta sa programa. Layunin ng Pupugayo Festival ng Imus na palakasin ang pagkakaisa ng mga Imuseño sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahalaga sa sinig, kultura, at tradisyon ng pupugayo bilang sagisag ng matatag na lahi.

DOST calls for cleaner, sustainable tech and practices amid oil crisis

To help bridge resilience in times of crisis, such as in an oil-related emergency, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) officials pushed forward the use of clean, efficient, and sustainable science, technology, and innovation within the country.

DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Undersecretary Sancho A. Maborang, and DOST-Region 3 Director Dr. Julius Caesar Sicut re-affirmed, in a virtual flag ceremony on April 6, that the Department "stands at the forefront of the nation's response" to the disruptions of economies, energy markets, and food systems across the nation.

"They are felt directly by Filipino families through rising fuel prices, increasing cost of basic goods, and vulnerabilities in supply chains. In this context, the role of science, technology, and innovation becomes not only relevant but essential," Dr. Sicut shared.

Furthermore, Solidum continued to push e-mobility in the center as a clean, efficient, and sustainable solution for the fuel crisis the country is currently facing and is targeting to have at least 10 percent of the transport systems to be electric by 2040.

"By sharing information and demonstrating these technologies (e-vehicles), and encouraging their adoption, we help bring the benefits of science and innovation closer to communities," Solidum said.

Part of this initiative

is the recently launched all-electric e-Tranvia in Intramuros, alongside similar innovations such as the MB Dalaray Electric Ferry in the Pasig River, e-boat in Manila, e-Jeepneys, hybrid electric train on the tracks of the Philippine National Railways, C-trike, and e-trike in various regions across the country. These technologies are developed through various partnerships with local government units, DOST agencies, and higher education institutions such as Cagayan State University and University of the Philippines Diliman.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary Maborang explained that these innovations are not only timely but are necessary. "They reduce our dependence on important fuel, promote sustainability, and open new opportunities for the local industries."

Solidum also underscored that smart agriculture should also be guarded amid the ongoing fuel conflict and must lean on using organic fertilization in response to the decreasing supply of inorganic sources.

The DOST currently has innovations to improve harvest and productivity in agriculture, including Smarter Approaches to Reinvent Agriculture as an Industry (SARAI), climate-resilient crops, and precision farming technologies.

Moreover, other than energy conservation, energy security remains a pressing concern, revealing the nation's dependence on imported fuel, hence Dr. Sicut's advoca-

cy to subscribe to renewable energy. "This (fuel crisis) underscores the need to accelerate research and deployment of renewable energy solutions. By advancing solar, wind, and other sustainable technologies, we help reduce vulnerability to external shocks while empowering communities with reliable and affordable energy," the regional director said.

Meanwhile, Solidum also discussed the importance of intellectual property rights of such technologies and human creativity to continue inspiring progress, benefit for the society, and providing real-world solutions to problems in light of the National Intellectual Property Month.

"Whether it is a new technology, a scientific discovery, or an innovative process, protecting and managing intellectual property allows Filipino innovators to bring their ideas forward, creating opportunities, strengthening industries and enterprises, and most importantly, improving lives," the secretary emphasized.

The clean and sustainable technologies funded and/or developed by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) are part of the initiatives of the agency aimed at providing science-based, innovative, and inclusive solutions across four strategic pillars: human well-being, wealth creation, and sustainability. These pillars embody the mantra OneDOST4U: Solutions and Opportunities for All.

KARAGDAGANG TULONG SA PASADA: P10 KADA LITRONG FUEL SUBSIDY PARA SA MGA PUV OPERATORS, DRIVERS SIMULA NA NGAYONG ARAW

Iniuutos ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ngayong Martes ang pagbibigay ng karagdang tulong para sa mga PUV operators at drivers sa pamamagitan ng P10 kada litrong subsidiya sa diesel ng mga tsuper para matiyak na mas malaki ang kanilang kitang maiuwi sa kanilang pamilya.

Ayon kay Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez, nakikipagtulungan ang Department of Transportation (DOTr) at Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) sa Department of Energy (DOE), at Landbank para masigurong tama at mabilis na implemantasyon ng programa.

"Sa atin sa DOTr at sa LTFRB, ang aming responsibilidad ay magbigay ng listahan ng lehitimong operators o drivers pagdating sa ating pampublikong sasakyan. Importante po itong programang ito kasi mas matitiyak natin na tuloy-tuloy ang pasada ng ating mga jeepney at UV Express," sinabi ni Secretary Lopez sa Palace press briefing nitong Mar-

tes. Ayon naman kay Energy Secretary Sharon Garin, 52 gas stations sa Metro Manila ang target na isali sa programa ngayong araw.

"[This is] 52 gas stations in Metro Manila—all the registered and the legally operating. Basta gusto nilang sumama, included po sila. Makikita rin 'yan ng mga kababayan natin, mga jeepney drivers. May signage din 'yan kung pwede silang mag-avail ng P10," ani Secretary Garin.

Paliwanag ni Secretary Lopez, halos 150-litro ng diesel ang subsidiya ng pamahalaan sa bawat tsuper kada linggo o halos P1,500 na karagdang kita o matitipid kada benepisyaryo.

Dagdag pa ng transport chief, bukod sa Net Service Contracting Program na sisimulan bukas para din sa mga operator at tsuper maging sa mga komyuter, malaking tulong din ang P10-per liter fuel subsidy sa mga pasahero dahil matitiyak nitong mas marami ang mga PUV ang makakapapasada para

hindi mahirapang sumakay ang mga pasahero.

"Makikita niyo po talaga na binibigyan ng halaga ng ating Pangulo ang ating mga pampublikong sasakyan, ang ating mga tsuper, ang ating mga operator, ganoon din po ang ating mga commuters na talagang masasabi nating direktang naapektuhan sa pagtaas ng presyo ng langis," ani Secretary Lopez.

"Kung meron po silang mas maraming masasakyan at available na public utility vehicle, makakasigurong din po tayo na kahit papaano mababawasan ang pila ng ating mga commuters at hindi rin po masasayang ang kanilang oras," dagdag ng Kalihim. Para sa mga PUV drivers na may kwilipikadong units, maaari silang pumunta sa mga kasaling gas stations at ibigay ang plate number para ma-verify. Oras na maberipika sa Landbank App, titingnan ng cashier ang available na balance ng PUV unit sa 150-litrong subsidiya para maikarga na ang diesel at saka babayaran ng driver. /DOT

LTFRB welcomes DOJ decision allowing impound of 'colorum' vehicles

MANILA – The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) on Thursday welcomed the Department of Justice's (DOJ) decision that recognized the LTFRB's power to impound "colorum" or unregistered vehicles.

In a statement, LTFRB Chair Vigor Mendoza II said the DOJ's decision would boost the LTFRB's anti-colorum drive in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s order to enforce road safety laws to ensure the welfare of commuters.

"We in the LTFRB welcome the decision of the DOJ and see this as a victory for the legitimate and law-abiding drivers and operators of public utility vehicles (PUVs)

across the country," Mendoza said.

In the decision signed by acting Justice Secretary Frederick Vida, several existing laws and jurisprudence were cited, affirming the legality of LTFRB impounding colorum vehicles.

These include the Doctrine of Necessary Implication under Executive Order 202, Commonwealth Act 146, and Joint Administrative Order 2014-01.

It also cited at least two Supreme Court decisions – the Del Mar vs. Philippine Veterans Administration and the Republic of the Philippines vs. Maria Basa Express Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association, Inc.

In the decision, the

DOJ said the eradication of colorum vehicles is necessary to maintain public safety and to promote general welfare through the Land Transportation Office and the LTFRB.

"While LTFRB, under existing law, does not have express powers to impound colorum vehicles, its authority to do so can be premised on Joint Administrative Order 2014-01, which has been recognized by the Supreme Court to be valid and constitutional," the DOJ decision read.

The DOJ's decision is in response to the call of transport groups for decisive government action on colorum PUVs that take about 30 percent of the income of legitimate drivers and operators. (PNA)

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ssa Jamolin, CDMS Chief, bilang kinatawan ni Center Director Dr. Rolando Maningas.

Nagpaabot naman ng mensahe si Dr. Maningas bilang pasalamat at pagbati sa lahat ng mga kalahok na naging bahagi ng aktibidad. Aniya, "Sa sama-samang pagkilos at patuloy na paglinang ng kakayahan, ang industriya ng vanilla ay susi tungo sa mas mataas na kita, inklusibong paglago, at sustenableng kaunlaran para sa ating mga komunidad ng magsasaka." Ugnayan ng mga Pamanang Pagkain sa Agrikultura at Identidad Samantala, bilang bahagi naman ng pagdiriwang ng FFM 2026, matagumpay na isinagawa ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ang "Taste of CALABARZON: Food and Heritage,"

na nagbigay-diin sa ugnayan ng pagkain, kultura, at agrikultura sa rehiyon, noong Abril 8.

Tampok sa aktibidad ang talakayan ukol sa mga pamanang pagkain sa CALABARZON, sa tulong ng tagapagtalakay na si Dr. Patrick Glenn llano ng Cavite State University. Inilatag niya ang mas malalim na pag-unawa sa kahalagahan ng lokal na pagkain bilang bahagi ng ating identidad.

Sinundan ito ng brown bag session sa food photography na pinangunahan ni G. James Gabriel Bawisan ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, kung saan natutuhan ng mga kalahok kung paano mas maipakikita ang halaga at kuwento ng mga pagkain gamit ang simpleng teknolohiya. Ibinida rin ang

minandal food tasting, kung saan ipinamalas ng mga Rural Improvement Club (RIC) ang iba't ibang lokal na meryenda ng CALABARZON. Nag-silbi namang bisita ang mga National Government Agency (NGA) sa Cavite upang tikman ang mga produktong inihanda ng mga RIC, na nagbigaydaan upang maipakita ang potensyal ng mga ito bilang mapagkakakitaang produkto at bahagi ng pagpapalakas ng lokal na ka-

buhayan. Bilang kinatawan ni Dr. Maningas, ipinaabot ni Asst. Center Dir. Sherylou Alfaro ang suporta ng ahensya sa mga inisyatibang nagtatampok sa kahalagahan ng lokal na pagkain at kabuhayan. Kasunod nito, ipinahayag ni Bb. Abegail del Rosario, PAS Chief, ang suporta ng mga RIC sa patuloy na pagsusulong at pagpapahalaga sa lokal na pagkain bilang bahagi ng kultura at kabuhayan.



NAIA CUSTOMS HITS Q1 TARGET; PAIRCARGO UNIT DELIVERS P2.789B IN MARCH

MANILA, Philippines — The Bureau of Customs (BOC) – Port of Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) has successfully achieved its First Quarter 2026 collection target, overcoming a series of operational and global challenges, with a major boost from the Paircargo Assessment Composite Unit's P2.789 billion collection in March alone.

Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno credited the accomplishment to sustained discipline and performance across all levels of the organization, emphasizing the agency's continued push for efficiency and accountability.

At NAIA, District Collector Atty. Yasmin "Yas" Mapa led the district's revenue drive, ensuring all units maintained high levels of assessment and collection efficiency despite external constraints. significant contribution came from the Paircargo Assessment Composite Unit under Special Deputy Collector Dr. Siegfred L. Manaos, whose

team delivered P2.789 billion in March—one of the highest monthly collection performances for the year. The unit also posted strong outputs in January and February, helping anchor the port's overall first-quarter success.

BOC-NAIA's performance is particularly notable given the challenges faced during the period. These included reduced cargo volumes during the Chinese New Year lull, operational limitations during the inventory period, and a decline in flight frequencies due to tensions in the Middle East.

Despite these factors, the port maintained a high rate of assessment and collection efficiency, enabling it to meet its quarterly revenue goal.

Officials noted that while the Paircargo unit's output provided a substantial boost, the achievement reflects the collective effort of all assessment and operations units within the Port of NAIA.

The recognition

given through a Certificate of Commendation highlights not only individual unit performance but also the port's overall ability to deliver results under pressure.

The BOC said

the NAIA port's first-quarter accomplishment reinforces its commitment to meeting revenue targets while sustaining operational resilience amid evolving global and domestic challenges. /Jimmy Saberon



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For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

MIKE BREN VILLANUEVA SIMEON,
Mortgagor,

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City of Bacoor, March 24, 2026.

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Mambog I, Bacoor, Cavite
Block 14 Lot 1 Phase 1 Villa Arsenia Subdivision, Mambog 3,

SSS... fr pg. 1

QUEZON CITY (April 16, 2026) – Following
the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and under the guidance
of Social Security Commission (SSC) Chair Secretary Frederick D. Go, the
Social Security System (SSS) is strengthening access to its existing pro-
grams in response to rising energy costs, inflationary pressures, and the broader
economic impact of on-
going geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. These initiatives include policy
enhancements to improve accessibility, and the early implementation of this
year's pension increase to provide timely financial relief to members, pension-
ers, and employers.

SSS President and
Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said, "We recognize that
rising prices and economic uncertainty continue to place pressure on Filipino
families and businesses. Through these enhanced programs, SSS is ensuring
that our members and pensioners have access to timely, affordable and
reliable financial support when they need it most."

Collectively, these
programs are expected to provide up to approxi-
mately P60 billion in financial assistance and benefit support.

Emergency Loan Pro-
gram

Members facing ur-
gent financial needs may apply for the enhanced
Emergency Loan Program, which offers up to P20,000
at a reduced interest rate of 7% per annum, with a
six-month repayment moratorium.

To improve acces-
sibility, SSS has relaxed the eligibility requirements

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from 36 to 18 months of
posted contributions, with
at least six (6) contributions
posted within the last 12
months. The program now
also covers members with
minimal past-due loans
of up to three (3) monthly
amortizations, as well as
overseas Filipino workers
(OFWs) through simplified
eligibility requirements.

Around P27 billion has
been allocated for this pro-
gram, which is expected to
benefit an estimated 2.24
million eligible members,
providing a safe and
affordable alternative to
informal lenders and help-
ing them cover essential
expenses such as medical
needs, education and daily
household requirements.

Micro-Loan Program

SSS is set to roll out short-
term loans ranging from
P1,000 to P20,000 with
repayment terms of 15 to
90 days and an affordable
rate of 8% per annum.

The program will
be delivered through digi-
tal platforms and partner
financial institutions, en-
abling faster and more con-
venient access to funds. It
aims to provide immediate
liquidity support while pro-
moting financial inclusion,
with a target loan portfolio
of up to P40 billion within
the next two (2) years.

Loan penalty condona-
tion

For members with
past-due loans, SSS con-
tinues to implement the
Consolidation of Past Due
Short-Term Member Loans
with Condonation of Pen-
alty Program.

Under this program,
penalties of unpaid loans
are fully waived upon
settlement of the principal
and interest. Members

may choose flexible pay-
ment options: one-time
settlement or installment
terms up to 60 months with
a minimum down payment
of 10%.

Early implementation of
pension increase

In support of pen-
sioners, SSS is advancing
the implementation of the
scheduled 2026 pension
increase under the SSS
Pension Reform Program,
from September to June
2026, providing earlier fi-
nancial relief. Retirement
and disability pensions will
increase by 10%, while
death and survivor benef-
its will increase by 5%.

Employer contribution
delinquency reliefs

SSS is also provid-
ing relief to delinquent
employers through pension
condonation and restruc-
turing programs.

These include the
Contribution Penalty Con-
donation, Delinquency
Management, and Re-
structuring Program (CP-
CoDe MRP) for business-
es and the Contribution
Penalty Condonation and
Restructuring Program
(CPCR-P) for household
employers.

These measures
allow employers to settle
contribution obligations
through structured pay-
ment arrangements with-
out additional penalties,
ensuring continued social
security coverage and

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DSWD chief orders TNCs' stricter coordination, compliance
ahead of payout; warns against recruitment booths in payout sites

Department of So-
cial Welfare and Develop-
ment (DSWD) Secretary
Rex Gatchalian issued a
strong warning to trans-
port network companies
(TNCs) on Monday (April
13) to follow stricter coor-
dination and compliance
ahead of the Cash Relief
Assistance (CRA) special
payout for public transport
sector drivers and riders.

Secretary Gatchal-
ian also called on benefi-
ciaries to strictly follow the
schedule and check the
master list for their names
to avoid overcrowding and
delays during payout.

"Basta simple lang,
pag nandoon ang pangalan
mo, pumunta ka. Pag
wala yung pangalan mo,
wag ka muna pumunta,"
Secretary Gatchalian
said during a meeting at
the DSWD Central Office
where he urged the TNCs
to deploy personnel to
man the Help Desks that
will assist drivers during
the CRA payouts.

The meeting was at-
tended by key officials from
the DSWD and partner
agencies, including Under-
secretary for Operations
Monina Josefina Romual-
dez, Crisis Intervention
Program (CIP) Directors
Edwin Morata and Lea
Bangalan, Land Trans-

portation Franchising and
Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
Board Member Atty. Greg
Pua, and Department of
Information and Communi-
cations Technology (DICT)
Supervising Director Atty.
Carlo Murcia.
"I will remind you all
again. I'm telling you, I'm
really going to make this
such a big issue. Send
people (to the Help Desks)
who are knowledgeable,"
Secretary Gatchalian said.
The DSWD chief
also called out the TNCs
and reiterated his earlier
warning against setting up
recruitment booths at pay-
out sites, as well as the
late submission of their
complete list of drivers.

"For Grab and
Movelt, stop your practice
of turning the payout into
recruitment sessions. Ang
Lalamove, literally late
nagpadala (ng list) kaya
halos walang nabayaran.
Sa Help Desk, pupunta 11
nang tanghali," Secretary
Gatchalian pointed out.

Major TNCs such
as Grab, Movelt, Joyride,
Lalamove, and Foodpanda
were present during the
early morning meeting.

A total of over
160,000 motorcycle (MC)
taxi and Private Express
and Messenger Delivery
Service (PEMEDES) rid-

ers, along with more than
48,000 Transport Network
Vehicle Service (TNVS)
drivers—covering both un-
claimed beneficiaries and
additional validated lists—
are set to receive the
Php5,000 cash assistance
under the Assistance to
Individuals in Crisis Situa-
tions (AICS) program.

To prevent confu-
sion and misinformation,
the DSWD chief directed
TNCs to strictly follow offi-
cial postings from govern-
ment sites and social me-
dia pages, particularly the
masterlist and schedules
posted by DSWD and LT-
FRB.

"Kung anong pinost
namin, i-repost na lang
niyo, wag niyo na i-lay-
out. Kasi nagkakamali tayo
ng posting dahil pinipickup
pa yung mga laman... Ang
nangyayari, sa kakatingin
niyo doon sa listahan, iba
yung pinopost niyo, iba
yung ina-announce niyo sa
ina-announce namin. This
time, we have to speak
as one policing unit. Kung
ano yung pinost ng LTFRB
na listahan at schedule,
yun na lang ang i-repost
niyo sa social media niyo,"
Secretary Gatchalian said.

The payout for MC
taxi and PEMEDES riders
will take place on Friday
(April 17) for previously



unclaimed cash aid at pre-
identified sites, followed
by an open payout for ad-
ditional beneficiaries on
Saturday (April 18) and
Sunday (April 19) across
four designated venues—
Caloocan Coliseum, TNC
Park Concert Grounds in
Taguig, Makati Coliseum,
and Quezon Memorial
Circle—with operations
beginning at 7:00 AM.

TNVS drivers,
meanwhile, will have a
one-day payout schedule
also within the week with
the specific date to be an-
nounced once finalized.

CIP Director Morata
urged TNC representa-
tives to ensure proper co-
ordination on the ground,
noting that the DSWD can
no longer cater to on-the-
spot correction of errors
pertaining to missing or

incomplete details of driv-
er-beneficiaries during the
payout.
"Sana po as early
as 7 am, nandoon na po
tayo. Hindi po kayang sig-
uraduhin ng DSWD yung
mga queries ng inyong mga
riders, lalo na pagdating
po doon sa information at
sa listahan. Mahirap pong
nagtuturuan kasi doon po
nagkakaron ng agitation
sa mga kliyente. More or
less, kami po ang naa-
away. So pakiusap, sana
po ang pupunta, fully
aware po sa nangyari, at
paano po at saan nanggaling
ang listahan. Sana po
magstay din po ang ating
mga representatives hang-
gang matapos po kami,
kasi napapansin po natin,
ang iba po umuwi na,"
Director Morata told TNCs
representatives.

Undersecretary Ro-
mualdez, who oversees
the CIP, clarified that only
active, inactive, and sus-
pended riders are included
in the CRA beneficiary list,
while deactivated drivers
may seek other forms of
assistance through the
DSWD's AICS program.

"For those cases po,
huwag na po sila mag-
claim ng CRA or cash re-
lief assistance. Tutulungan
po natin sila sa ibang asis-
tance," Undersecretary
Romualdez said. Aside
from TNVS, MC taxi, and
PEMEDES drivers from the
National Capital Region
(NCR), the special payout
will also cover those from
nearby provinces such as
Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, and
Bulacan, particularly those
who operate around or
near Metro Manila. (CC)

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PhilHealth thanks
the Ombudsman Remulla
for amplifying the concerns
of Filipino patients. His
voice adds to a conversa-
tion PhilHealth has long
been committed to — en-
suring every member re-
ceives the full benefit they
deserve

Our support for Filipino
families continues to grow.
PhilHealth paid out
P300.45 billion in benefits
this past year, an 81.72%
increase from the previous
year. Every peso repre-
sents a family we were able
to stand beside as their
partners in health and the
Corporation will continue
to provide expanded benef-
its to every Filipino family.

We are continuing to
strengthen transpar-
ency.
As part of our on-
going monitoring efforts,
PhilHealth is looking into
reported discrepancies
between what patients
are told about their cover-
age and what providers
submit in their claims. We
are reinforcing our audit-
ing systems, deepening
coordination with over-
sight bodies and health-
care providers, and en-
suring that our members
always receive accurate,
transparent informa-
tion about their benefits.
Know your benefits that
you have every right to.
Every Filipino has

the right to claim Phil-
Health benefits as part of
the implementation of Uni-
versal Healthcare and our
benefit packages cover
primary, emergency outpa-
tient, and inpatient care.
• Patients and their family
can ask the hospital care
team how much PhilHealth
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Case Rate for the patient.
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(PCARES) representa-
tives in the hospital if you
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"This is how we know
what love is: Jesus
Christ laid down his
life for us. And we
ought to lay down our
lives for our brothers
and sisters."
1 John 3:16

Farmers grateful for President Marcos' visit to Benguet vegetable trading hubs, marking a historic first for PH top leader

Farmers in La Trinidad, Benguet, welcomed the visit of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to two of the province's major vegetable trading hubs—marking the first time a sitting Philippine president has personally visited the area.

"Siya lang ang Presidente na pumunta dito sa amin sa Benguet (vegetable trading post). Siya 'yung Presidente na personal na nakiharap sa aming mga farmers," said Jasper Cabinta, chairman of the Peakless Farmers Association.

The President met with farmers, wholesalers, retailers, and other stakeholders at the La Trinidad Vegetable Trading Post and the Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center (BAPTC) to personally hear their concerns, particularly amid reports of disruptions in vegetable transport due to high fuel prices.

"Mabuti at nakausap ko 'yung mga iba na nagtitinda rito para 'yung kanilang mga suggestion kung ano sa palagay nila ang kailangan pang gawin," President Marcos said in his brief remarks during the visit to BAPTC.

According to Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., he briefed the President on the farmers' situation last week, noting that the latter felt

the need to personally assess the conditions on the ground.

Among the measures announced by the President to alleviate the plight of the farmers were the P10-per-liter fuel subsidy for transport trucks, toll-free passage for trucks transporting vegetables from Benguet to Metro Manila, and temporary suspension of certain local government charges.

Farmers also received seeds and fertilizers to reduce production costs for the next planting season.

Drivers and their assistants will also benefit from the Department of Labor and Employment's Tu-

long Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program. Affected farmers may likewise access TUPAD support for land preparation, canal cleaning, and the establishment of small water impounding systems in preparation for El Niño.

"Napakalaking tulong po itong binigay sa amin ng mahal na Pangulo at kami po ay lubos na nagpapasalamat," said Cabinta.

During the visit, President Marcos also led the distribution of millions of pesos worth of agricultural assistance under the DA's High Value Crops Development Program.

A total of P15.79 million worth of farm inputs, machinery, and trading capital was distributed to 45 farmer cooperatives and associations (FCAs).

These included 20 pump engine sets, 10 walking-type agricultural tractors, 15 grass cutters, thousands of kilos of fertilizers and other agricultural inputs, and financial assistance.

Long-time vegetable grower Grace Bacangan, president of the Macasaca Farmers Association in Buguias, Benguet, said the President's visit offered both a rare opportunity and renewed hope that government support will continue while fuel prices remain volatile.

"Mapalad po kami na makasama at makita ang ating Pangulo... Sana po ay tuloy-tuloy ito at suportahan kaming mga magsasaka," said Bacangan, who has been farming for 35 years.

As immediate help for farmers, the Office of the President purchased 20 tons of assorted vegetables to be distributed to disadvantaged communities in Metro Manila—including Caloocan, Navotas, Malabon, Quezon City, Pasay, and Manila—as well as to institutions such as the DSWD's Walang Gutom Centers, the New Bilibid Prison, the Manila City Jail, and several orphanages. | PNDW



She added that no price freeze has been imposed despite the oil price hikes, as supply remains sufficient, saying, "Sapat ang suplay kaya wala tayong nakikitang dahilan para mag-panic buying ang ating mga kababayan."

The DTI also monitors significant price increases, particularly those exceeding 10 percent, which may trigger the issuance of a letter of inquiry as part of measures against profiteering. While some establishments have recorded SRP violations, these have been addressed and explained accordingly.

Meanwhile, DTI reminded all businesses, whether small or large, to secure the necessary per-

mits to ensure legitimacy and compliance with regulations. The agency likewise continues to monitor product quality, ensuring adherence to mandatory certification standards.

Also, consumers are encouraged to report complaints or concerns to DTI provincial offices and Ne-

gosity Centers located in most municipalities across MIMAROPA.

The department likewise continues to partner with major retailers in conducting Diskwento Caravans, bringing discounted basic goods closer to communities in need. (LTC/JBG/PIA MIMAROPA)

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2

DTI assures stable prices, sufficient supply of basic goods amid oil price hikes



CALAPAN CITY, Oriental Mindoro (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) MIMAROPA has assured the public of stable prices and adequate supplies of basic necessities and prime commodities across the region amid increases in oil prices.

During the April 15, 2026 episode of "Arangkada MIMAROPA" program of Philippine Information Agency and Radyo Pilipinas-Palawan, DTI MIMAROPA Senior Trade-Industry Development Specialist Patricia Joy Zotomayor highlighted the agency's intensified monitoring and enforcement efforts in business establishments.

She said DTI regularly coordinates with the Local Price Coordinating Council and retailers, while Suggested Retail Price (SRP) bulletins are visibly posted in major supermarkets and are also accessible through the DTI website and official social media pages.

"Bilang implementing agency, minomonitor ng DTI ang basic necessities at prime commodities," Zotomayor said, adding that "Pag sinabing basic necessities, ito ay kinabibilangan ng canned sardines, processed milk, coffee, noodles, tinapay, asin, sabon, kandila, at maging mga condiments tulad ng suka, toyo at patis."

She noted that the department conducts weekly price monitoring, while local government units carry out monthly checks. Based on recent monitoring, prices of most basic commodities in the region remain generally stable, with only a few items exceeding the SRP.

"Sa monitoring, generally stable ang prices ng basic commodities sa MIMAROPA. May ilan lamang na mas mataas sa SRP, ngunit dumadaan ito sa due process. Tinatnanong ng DTI ang mga negosyo kung bakit may price deviation, at kung may resibo naman sila, ini-evaluate namin kung justified ang presyo," she said.

Mahigit 200 TESDA Scholars Nagtapos sa Iba't Ibang Skills Training

CONGRATULATIONS sa mahigit na 200 TESDA scholars na nagtapos ng Bread and Pastry Production NC II, Cookery NC II, Dressmaking NC II, at Driving NC II. Patunay ito ng inyong sipag, tiyaga, at determinasyon. Ang mga kasanayang natutunan ninyo ay praktikal at may agarang silbi sa komunidad, mula sa pananahi, pagluluto, pagmamaneho, hanggang sa paggawa

ng tinapay at pastry. Ibig sabihin, may handa na kayong merkado at oportunidad para magsimula ng sariling hanapbuhay. Sa tulong ng mga starter kits, maaari na kayong mag-umpisa patungo sa mas matatag na kabuhayan para sa inyong sarili at inyong pamilya. Sa panahong hinaharap natin ang pagtaas ng presyo ng bilihin at iba't ibang hamon sa ekonomiya, napakahalaga ng pag-

karoon ng sariling kakayahan at pagkakakitaan. Kayo ay bahagi ng solusyon, mga mamamayan na handang kumilos, magnegosyo, at mag-ambag sa ating lokal na ekonomiya. Kaya't sama-sama nating harapin ang mga hamon. Sa pagkaka-isa, sipag, at diskarte, kaya nating labanan ang anumang pagsubok. Muli, congratulations sa inyong lahat! Nandito kami upang sumuporta sa inyong patuloy na pag-unlad.



22 Imuseño, Lumahok sa Digital Literacy Training ng Imus Public Library

DALAWAMPUN'T dalawang estudyante, mga kawani ng lokal na pamahalaan, at maliliit na negosyante ang lumahok sa Digital Literacy Training ng Aspiring Video Creators na isinagawa ng City of Imus Public Library (CIPL) nitong Martes, Abril 14, 2026, sa Computer Room ng silid-aklatan. Naging pangunahing tagapagturo

si Mr. Crismel Gida na tinalakay ang Video Editing Fundamentals, samantalang sina Sherwin Latoja at Marco Paulo Castro ay nagbahagi ng kanilang kaalaman at karanasan sa paggamit ng makabagong teknik sa videography. Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, naipakita ang suporta ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pagpapalawak

ng digital skills ng mga Imuseño, lalo na sa mga kabataan at maliliit na sektor ng lipunan. Ayon din sa CIPL, layunin ng Digital Literacy Training na palakasin ang kakayahan ng mga Imuseño sa digital content creation upang makatulong sa edukasyon, negosyo, at komunidad. / City Government of Imus fb page



DOST-MIRDC's AMCen Makes History as First in Southeast Asia to Earn Dual ASTM Additive Manufacturing Certifications

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office, through Negosyo Center Mabitac in collaboration with JLR Consultancy and REV. — Premium Shoe Cleaner, conducted the "Plan, Promote, Profit: Business Growth Seminar" at the Mabitac Town Plaza, strengthening the capabilities of local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The seminar gathered 33 participants, including existing and aspiring business owners, who received practical training aimed at improving digital skills, branding strategies, and business operations in today's competitive market.

Resource speakers from DTI and the private sector delivered targeted sessions on key areas of entrepreneurship:

• Social Media Management — Mr. Kent

Cainto, DTI Business Counselor (Negosyo Center Paete), on content strategy and platform optimization for business visibility

• Fundamentals of Graphic Design — Mr. Kim Carlo Palacio, DTI Business Counselor (Negosyo Center Siniloan), on creating effective marketing visuals

• Online Selling Strategies — Mr. Baron Chino C. Capuno, DTI Business Counselor (Negosyo Center Mabitac), on setting up and scaling online businesses

• DTI Programs and Services — Capuno also introduced government support available for MSMEs

— Mr. Brian Coroza, Co-Owner and Operations Manager of REV. — Premium Shoe Cleaner, on turning ideas into sustainable business ventures

Participants actively engaged in discussions and exercises, gaining actionable insights they can immediately apply to improve business operations, strengthen branding, and expand market reach.

The activity also served as a collaboration platform between government and private sector partners, reinforcing shared efforts to promote inclusive and sustainable local enterprise development.

DTI Laguna emphasized that the initiative reflects its continuing commitment to fostering entrepreneurial development at the grassroots level through strong partnerships with the private sector and local stakeholders (BCCapuno, DTI Laguna).

DepEd launches one-stop reintegration hub for returning OFWs

SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union (PIA) — The Department of Education (DepEd) launched the "Balikbayang Manggagawa: National Reintegration Network Regional Fair" on April 13, a one-stop hub for returning Overseas Filipino Workers' access to employment, certification, and education opportunities. The program supports the government's directive to facilitate OFW reintegration into the local workforce. Estela Cariño, DepEd Region 1 regional director, said the department's support extends beyond teachers. The Sa Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma'am at Sir (SPIMS) program provides a fast track for licensed teachers seeking permanent positions. DepEd also strengthened support for those who did not complete basic education.

Through the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT), returning workers can earn high school equivalency certifications to qualify for better job opportunities.

"We are acting as a bridge to ensure these workers don't just come home, but come home to a [better] future," Cariño said. "Whether they are licensed professionals or individuals completing their education, our goal is to provide a clear roadmap as they return." The fair focused on in-person services, including on-site registration and consultations, to help OFWs get guidance without delays.

DepEd also brought together key government agencies: • Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) for mi-

grant protection; • Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for technical-vocational training; • Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for higher education, and the • Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for job matching and labor support. DepEd encourages returning OFWs to visit regional or division offices to explore available programs. Applicants must prepare their Personal Data Sheets (PDS), work history, and academic records, such as Transcript of Records (TOR).

"Our doors remain open long after this fair," Cariño said. "We invite our OFWs to reach out through our offices or local schools for support as they begin new chapters at home." (CCMT/KJCR/VTB, PIA La Union)