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MPTC convenes multi-sectoral Flood Mitigation Forum to boost resilience in Southern Metro Manila and surrounding provinces



The Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPTS), the south arm of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, brought together stakeholders from national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), and host communities of CALAX and CAVITEX to strengthen collaboration in addressing perennial flooding concerns in Southern Metro Manila and nearby provinces. This marks the first Flood Mitigation Forum conducted in the South, providing a platform for multi-sectoral dialogue, data sharing, and coordinated planning on flood mitigation efforts. "This year's forum aims to solidify cooperation among government agencies and LGUs in addressing recurring flooding challenges across Metro Manila and nearby provinces," said MPTC Chief Tollways Development and Engineering Officer Gil F. Amilbansa. The MPTC Flood Mitigation Forum 2026 gathered key representatives from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO). Participants from the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), and PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC) also took part in the discussions and the sharing of initiatives.

Happy Birthday, Congresswoman Maria Vanessa Aumentado!

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DTI Cavite Brings Frontline Services closer to Naic community through NHA People's Caravan

SSS rolls out nationwide Palengke Caravan to bring mobile services closer to grassroots communities



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IN RE: PETITION FOR COMMISSION AS
 NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE
 CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE

NOT. PUB. NO. DC-195-26

ATTY. VICTORIA ISABEL D. CHAVEZ,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the Petition for Commission as Notary Public of **ATTY. VICTORIA ISABEL D. CHAVEZ** will be held on **June 9, 2026 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon** in the Courtroom of Regional Trial Court, Branch 129, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, 2nd Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Bldg., Brgy. Buro I, City of Dasmariñas Cavite..Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the Petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this Notice of Hearing be **PUBLISHED ONCE** in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite and **POSTED** in the bulletin boards of the Office of the Clerk of Court and the Regional Trial Court of the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite not later than **ONE (1) WEEK** prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, May 5, 2026.

JOSIELYN D. LARA-DE LUNA
 Executive Judge

Cc:

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DTI... fr pg. 1

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite actively participated in the National Housing Authority (NHA) People's Caravan held on May 26, 2026, at Malainen Bago Integrated School in Rancho Verde 2, Brgy. Malainen Bago, Naic, Cavite. Carrying the theme "Serbisong Dala ay Pag-asa," the activity aimed to bring essential government services closer to communities.

DTI Cavite, led by Provincial Director Lilibeth R. Chavez, together with CPD Division Chief Rexel B. Amparo, TIDS Renmarc Juangco, NC-TIDS Allen

Jay Sablayan, and Business Counselors Joenel Barcial and Patrick Hilom, delivered DTI Cavite's frontline services to residents of NHA housing projects in Naic.

Among the services provided by DTI Cavite were business name registration, business advisory and consultancy, and consumer welfare advocacy consultation. The team also distributed IEC materials to help raise awareness on entrepreneurship opportunities, consumer rights, and business development programs.

Through its par-

ticipation, DTI Cavite continues to bring entrepreneurial support and consumer welfare services



closer to communities, ensuring that residents are both empowered and protected.

DSWD has more than enough funds for its cash aid distribution for all qualified PUV drivers – DSWD spox

"On the part of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), we can say na we have more than enough budget because we have earmarked Php30 billion for the distribution of the cash relief assistance."

Asst. Secretary Irene Dumlaog, spokesperson of the DSWD, made this statement during an interview with IBC's Treze Mornings on Tuesday (May 26), where she emphasized the Department's target to finish the special payouts for unclaimed assistance and the additional list of eligible drivers by May 31.

According to Asst. Secretary Dumlaog, the DSWD has released Php8 billion in cash relief assistance to nearly 1.6 million public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers nationwide.

"Batay po sa pinakahuling report, nasa mahigit 1.5 or close to 1.6 million drivers nationwide yung na-assist na po ng DSWD. Close to Php8 billion na yung na-release

natin sa pagpapatuloy na pamamahagi ng Php5,000 cash relief assistance sa mga drivers nationwide," the DSWD spokesperson pointed out.

Asst. Secretary Dumlaog reported that simultaneous payouts are currently being undertaken with the goal of completing the cash aid distribution and ensuring that all qualified PUV drivers are provided with the much-needed assistance.

As of Tuesday (May 26), an additional 317 Metro Manila jeepney and tricycle drivers have received their Php5,000 cash aid during the May 26 simultaneous special payouts in Makati City Hall Quadrangle, Jose Rizal Elementary School in Pasay City, and the Makabagong San Juan National Government Center in San Juan City.

A total of 2,325 service delivery riders from the National Capital Region (NCR), Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, and La-

guna also received their Php5,000 cash aid during the payout at the DSWD Central Office in Quezon City as of Tuesday.

"Nagpapatuloy pa rin po yung pamamahagi ng tulong sa ating mga tsuper at inaasahan natin na matatapos ang pamamahagi ng cash relief assistance sa buwang kasalukuyan," Asst. Secretary Dumlaog said.

The special payouts for jeepney and tricycle drivers will continue until the end of May with the following schedules:

Thursday (May 28) at Mercado de Lago in Taguig City; Sto. Niño Gym in Parañaque City; Mandaluyong City Hall, and the Marikina Sports Center.

Friday (May 29) at the Sto. Niño Gym in Parañaque City; Malabon City Sports Complex; Casa de Polo Events Place in Valenzuela City; Las Piñas City Hall Compound; ASAC Covered Court in Manila; and the Muntinlupa Sports Center in

Muntinlupa City.

For service delivery riders from NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, and Laguna, payout is scheduled from May 26-29 at the DSWD Central Office.

Payouts are also being conducted by various DSWD Field Offices for PUV drivers who have yet to receive their cash relief assistance.

The provision of cash relief assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program is part of the DSWD's commitment to the government's Unified Package of Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT) framework of intervention to the sectors most affected by the tensions in the Middle East.

As directed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the DSWD immediately provided the Php5,000 cash aid to the PUV drivers whose livelihoods were affected by the surging prices of petroleum products. (YADP)

PhilHealth... fr pg. 1

MANILA (PIA) — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation has launched a co-location program with the Philippine Statistics Authority to offer a "one-stop shop" and streamline registration for its preventive healthcare initiative, making it easier for unregistered Filipinos to obtain a national ID and enroll in the PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) in a single visit, a senior PhilHealth official said.

Raymond Edwin Acoba, head of public affairs of PhilHealth's NCR Regional Office, said the PSA co-location, operational as of the program's launch day, is currently running at five PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Offices in Metro Manila: Quezon City, Las Piñas, Makati, Mandaluyong, and Calocan. The move is a push aligned with the Marcos Jr. administration's Universal Health Care agenda,

which prioritizes keeping Filipinos healthy before illness requires costly hospital intervention.

"Para magkaroon sila ng PhilHealth ID, this is one of the requirements for our PhilHealth facility, at para mas madali na rin ang pagpaparehistro nila bilang isang YAKAP beneficiary," Acoba said during the PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) in a single visit, a senior PhilHealth official said.

PhilHealth YAKAP is the corporation's promotive and preventive care package under the Universal Health Care Law.

Unlike traditional PhilHealth coverage, which activates primarily upon hospitalization, YAKAP provides regular check-ups, laboratory tests, and up to P20,000 worth of free medicines annually to enrolled members, even before the onset of illness.

Acoba said all Filipinos with a PhilHealth ID number are eligible to enroll. Members must select a preferred YAKAP clinic, either near their home or workplace, through the eGov app or by visiting any PhilHealth office in person.

After enrollment, a member's first patient encounter with an accredited physician is required before laboratory and medicine benefits can be accessed.

For those without smartphones or internet access, Acoba said walk-in registration remains available at PhilHealth offices, express counters in SM and Robinsons malls, and Lingkod Pilipino centers.

Acoba also addressed a common concern among Filipinos who fear losing access to PhilHealth benefits due to lapses in premium contributions.

He said the Uni-

versal Health Care Law guarantees immediate eligibility for all Filipinos, including those who arrive at hospitals unregistered or with contribution gaps.

"At the point of service, tutulungan siya ng ating accredited facility para magparehistro bilang isang member, right there and then," he said, adding that employers remain legally obligated to remit premium contributions for their workers regardless of lapses. The YAKAP medicine benefit requires a prescription from an enrolled YAKAP doctor, underscoring the program's emphasis on structured, physician-led primary care over self-medication.

The PhilHealth official also encouraged all Filipinos to select their YAKAP clinic immediately and complete their first patient encounter to begin accessing the program's full suite of preventive benefits. (JCO/PIA-NCR)

DFA: Defense and security, maritime issues, economy, top agenda of PBBM-Japan PM meeting

TAGAYTAY, Cavite – Overseas Filipino families whose children are enrolled in unaccredited Philippine schools abroad could eventually face problems when they decide to continue their studies back home, Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) chairperson Secretary Dante "Klink" Ang II said on Friday.

During a media training at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay on Friday, Ang warned that students who studied at unaccredited Philippine schools overseas (PSOs) may have their credentials rejected when they decide to enroll in schools in the Philippines.

"The implied message there is that if you're enrolling your child in a non-accredited PSO, then there may be problems with that child's credentials when they circulate back into the Philippine system," Ang said.

"Our point is that

there should be transparency on the part of these institutions because their children will have problems when they enroll in a Philippine institution, whether in college or anywhere in the basic education sector," he added.

Ang said the growing concern involves overseas schools that market themselves as offering Philippine education despite lacking recognition from the Department of Education (DepEd).

"In Dili, East Timor, there is one recognized Philippine school. However, we found out through our embassy in East Timor that there were six schools that market themselves as Philippine schools," he said.

Ang said students whose credentials are not recognized may be required to take bridging programs or even be placed in lower grade levels, creating additional financial burdens on their families.

"The reason why OFWs enroll their children in the Philippines is that they know they're going to come back to the Philippines," Ang said.

Ang said most reported cases have surfaced in countries with large Filipino communities, particularly in the Gulf region, where demand for Philippine-style education remains high.

He said some institutions operate legally for other purposes, such as language or vocational training, but are not authorized to teach basic education programs.

"There are insti-

tutions that get a license to operate, basically to teach a vocational skill or even a language offering, but they're not allowed to teach a basic education curriculum," he said.

He added that other institutions operate informally or online.

The CFO, he said, has issued advisories identifying recognized Philippine schools abroad, in coordination with the DepEd and the host foreign governments, to address the problem.

He encouraged unaccredited schools to get a license from DepEd to avoid possible sanctions from the Philippine government. (PNA)



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**IN RE: PETITION FOR
 CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE
 CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
 MA. SHARINA MAE A. PIDOS,**
 Petitioner,

SP. PROC. CASE NO. TMSP-030-25

-versus-

**THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
 THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA,
 CAVITE,**

Respondent.

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ORDER

In today's initial hearing, Atty. Neil Stephen F. Navigar appeared for the Petitioner.

Atty. Navigar manifested that the Petitioner was not present and that there is no Notice of Appearance yet from the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG). Thus, he moved for a resetting.

As moved by Atty. Navigar and as the Court has not yet received the Notice of Appearance from the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) and the deputization to any Office of the Public Prosecutor, reset the initial hearing to **September 3, 2026 and December 3, 2026, both at 8:30 o'clock in the morning**, where any and/or all parties interested may oppose the Petition.

Let a copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the Petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation.

The petitioner is directed to submit a copy of the Petition with its annexes to the Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Civil Registrar of Tanza, Cavite, and Office of the Solicitor General, and to bring the originals or certified true copies of all the documents attached to the Petition on the scheduled initial hearing, if not yet submitted.

Send a copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC), Trece Martires City, Cavite for raffle of the publication.

Atty. Navigar is directed to secure the proper deputization from the Office of the Solicitor General and to submit the same to the court on or before the said scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN in OPEN COURT on April 23, 2026 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

GAYSOL C. LUNA
 Presiding Judge

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**OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL
 PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA)**

MPTC... fr pg. 1

LGU representatives from Las Piñas, Parañaque, Pasay, Taguig, Cavite, and Laguna provided valuable insights during the forum, along with key leaders including Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Diaz Remulla, Office of Civil Defense Director Jose Harry M. Barber, Biñan City Councilor Titus Bautista, and Former Senator Cynthia Villar of Villar SIPAG Foundation.

Flood risk area data and assessments were provided by AMH Philippines, which was engaged by MPT South, to support evidence-based identification of critical flood-prone areas and inform mitigation planning.

Discussions highlighted the impact of improper waste disposal on flooding, particularly in low-lying communities. LGUs reiterated efforts to strengthen enforcement of anti-littering and solid waste management ordinances, alongside regular declogging of drainage systems and monitoring of critical waterways.

"Effective flood mitigation depends heavily on good governance, which is a core principle in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) implementation. Participation is essential, as community involvement strengthens ownership and improves



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the relevance of mitigation measures," said Office of Civil Defense Director Jose Harry M. Barber.

In partnership with barangays and volunteer groups, LGUs continue community-based environmental education campaigns in promoting proper waste segregation, infrastructure planning, and disaster risk reduction initiatives.

"We recognize that multi-sectoral collaboration creates a ripple of hope for communities in the South, especially during typhoon season. We, at MPT South, will continue to work closely with LGUs and national government agencies to translate discussions into action," said MPT South President and General Manager Andrew B. Pangilinan.

The forum concluded with commitments from stakeholders to improve drainage systems, strengthen flood control management, enhance disaster resilience, and reinforce inter-agency coordination.

The Flood Mitigation Forum 2026 underscores the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation Group's commitment to providing a platform for collaboration and sustained action to address flooding challenges in surrounding communities.

NAPOT PARTICIPANTS NAGBIG-AY-PUGAY SA KASAYSAYAN SA TEJEROS HERITAGE TOUR



ROSARIO, Cavite — Bilang bahagi ng kanilang Newly Assigned Personnel Orientation Training (NAPOT), bu-

misita ang mga tauhan ng Reserve Command, Philippine Army (RESCOM, PA) sa makasaysayang Casa Hacienda de Tejeros sa Rosario, Cavite noong Mayo 29, 2026.

Mainit na sinalubong ang grupo ni G. Ruben Quinto, Tourism Officer ng lokalidad, na nagbigay ng impormasyon tungkol sa kasaysayan at kahalagahan ng naturang pook.

Sa kanilang pagbisita, nagkaroon ng pagkakataon ang mga kalahok na mas mapalalim ang kanilang kaalaman at pagpapahalaga sa kasaysayan ng bansa, partikular sa mga pangyayaring naganap sa Tejeros noong panahon ng Himagsikang Pilipino.

Ang Casa Hacienda de Tejeros ay isa sa mga kilalang makasaysayang lugar sa Cavite na may kaugnayan sa Tejeros Convention noong 1897.

Itinuturing itong mahalagang bahagi ng kasaysayan dahil dito isinagawa ang kauna-unahang halalang pampanguluhan sa bansa at kinikilala rin bilang

pinagmulan ng Philippine Army.

Ayon sa RESCOM, PA, ang pagbisita ay nagsilbing isang Lakbay-Aral na naglalayong palawakin ang kaalaman ng mga kawani tungkol sa pambansang kasaysayan, habang pinatitibay ang diwa ng patriotismo, pamumuno, pagkakaisa, at paglilingkod sa bayan.

Bukod sa pagpapahalaga sa mga sakripisyo ng mga bayaning Pilipino, naging daan din ang aktibidad upang higit na mapalakas ang samahan at pagkakaisa ng mga kalahok.

Itinampok din nito ang kahalagahan ng pangangalaga sa mga pamanang pangkasaysayan bilang bahagi ng pagpapatuloy ng mga adhikain ng hukbong sandatahan sa paghubog ng mga lingkod-bayan at pagtataguyod ng nation-building.

Sa pamamagitan ng naturang programa, muling ipinakita ng RESCOM, PA ang kanilang dedikasyon sa pagpapanatili ng makasaysayang kamalayan at pagpapalakas ng pagpapahalaga ng kanilang mga tauhan sa mahalagang papel ng Philippine Army sa kasaysayan at pag-unlad ng bansa.

SMART LOLA 2026 CORONATION NIGHT, IDINAOS SA DASMARIÑAS ARENA

Idinaos noong Mayo 28, 2026 sa Dasmariñas Arena ang Smart Lola 2026 Coronation Night, isang makabuluhang pagtitipon na nagbigay-pugay sa kagandahan, kakayahan, at inspirasyon ng mga nakatatandang kababaihan mula sa iba't ibang cluster ng lungsod.

Dumalo sa nasabing programa upang ipakita ang kanilang suporta sina Congressman Kiko Barzaga at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Dasmariñas, kasama ang iba pang mga panauhin at taga-

suporta ng mga kalahok. Nagpakitang-gilas ang mga kandidata sa kanilang representasyon ng kani-kanilang cluster, na naging daan upang higit na maipamalas ang kanilang talento, kumpiyansa, at mahalagang papel sa komunidad.

Kinoronahang Smart Lola 2026 si Mrs. Lolita Nicholas ng Brgy. San Antonio de Padua (Cluster 10). Binabati rin ang lahat ng mga nagwagi at kalahok na naging bahagi ng matagumpay na programa.



100 BENEPISYARYO SA CARMONA, NAKATANGGAP NG AICS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Pinangunahan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona, sa pamamagitan ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (CSWDO), ang pamamahagi ng tunglong pinansyal mula sa Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) Program ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) para sa 100 benepisyaryo mula sa lungsod.

Layunin ng programa na magbigay ng agarang ayuda sa mga indibidwal at pamilyang nangangailangan ng suporta upang makatulong sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na gastusin at iba pang mahahalagang pangangailangan. Inaasahan na ang naturang tunglong ay makapagbibigay ng kaginhawaan sa mga benepisyaryo habang patuloy na hinaharap ang iba't ibang hamon sa kanilang pamumuhay.

Patuloy namang tiniyak ng lokal na pamahalaan ang pagbibigay ng mga programang nakatu-

on sa kapakanan at kapakanan ng mga mamamayan ng Carmona sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtunglungan sa mga ahensya ng pambansang pamahalaan.



AAKSYON CARAVAN, NAGHATID NG MGA SERBISYONG PANGKALUSUGAN SA BRGY. BAYAN LUMA VI

Muling nakiiisa ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa idinaos na AAKsyon Caravan sa Brgy. Bayan Luma VI bilang bahagi ng patuloy na paghahatid ng mga pangunahing serbisyo sa mga mamamayang Imuseño.

Sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang tanggapan ng lokal na pamahalaan, naihatid sa mga residente ang mga programang pangkalusugan kabilang ang Libreng Pustiso, Libreng

Salamin sa Mata, at referral para sa DOH Guarantee Letter upang makatulong sa kanilang mga pangangailangang medikal. Ipinakita ng nasabing caravan ang patuloy na pagsisikap ng lokal na pamahalaan na mailapit ang mga serbisyong kinakailangan ng mamamayan at maisulong ang isang mas maayos, mas malusog, at mas maaling komunidad para sa bawat Imuseño.



MGA BARANGAY TANOD AT TRAFFIC OFFICERS, PINARANGALAN SA GENERAL TRIAS

Binigyang-parangal ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng General Trias ang mga natatanging peace and order personnel na nagpakita ng dedikasyon, integridad, at kahusayan sa pagtupad ng kanilang tungkulin sa komunidad.

Kinilala ang apat na barangay tanod na agad na umakasyon laban sa mga lumalabag sa mga ordinansa kaugnay ng wastong pagtatapon ng basura sa mga ipinagbabawal na lugar at oras ng koleksyon.

Kabilang sa mga pinarangalan sina John Magbanua at Soliman Josue Jr. ng Brgy. Tejero, Ryan

Earl M. Sinsay ng Brgy. Pasong Camachile II, at Jeorgenzon E. Parohinog ng Brgy. Pinagtupunan.

Pinarangalan din ang dalawang GenTri Traffic Management Officers na sina Ronil B. Agana at Enrique M. Roa dahil sa kanilang katapatan matapos isauli sa may-ari ang isang napulot na pouch na naglalaman ng pera, cellphone, at mga identification card.

Ang pagkilalang ito ay patunay ng pagpapahalaga ng lokal na pamahalaan sa mga kawani na nagsisilbing huwaran ng tapat, responsable, at mahusay na paglilingkod sa publiko.



SAFE MOTHERHOOD WEEK AT HEALTHY BUNTIS PAGEANT 2026, MATAGUMPAY NA IDINAOS

Naging matagumpay at makabuluhan ang pagdiriwang ng Safe Motherhood Week kasabay ng taunang Healthy Buntis Pageant 2026 na naglalayong itaguyod ang kahalagahan ng ligtas at malusog na pagbubuntis para sa kapakanan ng mga ina at kanilang mga sanggol.

Bilang bahagi ng selebrasyon, isinagawa ang iba't ibang programang pangkalusugan para sa mga buntis kabilang ang libreng HIV testing sa pangunguna ni Mr. Rovell Villanueva at ng SHIP-NGO Staff, gayundin ang Nutreño Booth na pinamahalaan ng City Nutrition Division na naghandang ng impormasyon, mga aktibidad, at premyo para sa mga kalahok.

Nagkaroon din ng serye ng mga lecture mula sa mga eksperto ukol sa maternal health, oral health during pregnancy, at wastong nutrisyon sa

pagbubuntis upang higit na mapalawak ang kaalaman ng mga ina sa tamang pangangalaga sa kanilang kalusugan habang nagdadalang-tao.

Kinoronahang Ms. Healthy Buntis 2026 at Best in Talent si Ms. Ajeneth Angoluan ng Brgy. Hugo Perez. Nakuha naman ni Ms. Abigael Chua ng Brgy. Conchu ang titulong 1st Runner-Up, habang si Ms. Fritz Anne Napalan ng Brgy. Gregorio ang itinanghal na 2nd Runner-Up.

Nagpahayag ng pasasalamat ang mga organizer sa Office of the City Health Officer, mga kawani, volunteers, at sponsors na naging katuwang sa matagumpay na pagsasagawa ng programa. Patuloy namang isinusulong ng lokal na pamahalaan ang mga inisyatibang nagtataguyod ng kahalagahan, kalusugan, at kapakanan ng bawat ina sa komunidad.



MAYOR RICAFFRENTE, GINAWARAN BILANG NATATANGING PINUNO NG BAYAN

Patuloy na kinikilala ang Bayan ng Rosario sa pagsusulong ng dekalidad na edukasyon at matibay na suporta sa mga paaralan sa nasasakupan nito.

Ginawaran si Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente ng pagkilala bilang "Natatanging Pinuno ng Bayan" sa ginanap na Agapay 2026 Stakeholder Summit and State of Division Address sa Tanza Oasis Hotel and Resort. Tinanggap ni Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales ang nasabing parangal bilang kinatawan ng punong bayan.

Ang pagkilalang ito ay sumasalamin sa patuloy na pagsisikap ng

Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Rosario na palakasin ang ugnayan at pakikipagtunglungan sa sektor ng edukasyon upang matiyak ang paghahatid ng mas maayos, makabago, at dekalidad na edukasyon para sa bawat kabataang Rosareño. Patunay rin ang naturang parangal sa mga programang at proyektong ipinatutupad ng lokal na pamahalaan na nakatun sa pagpapabuti ng pasilidad ng mga paaralan, pagbibigay-suporta sa mga mag-aaral at guro, at pagpapalit ng mga inisyatibang naglalayong mapaulad ang kalidad ng edukasyon sa bayan.



Gateway clean-up! TORRALBA CRACKS THE WHIP AT MANILA PORT

The heat is on at the country's busiest trading gateway as Coll. Rizalino Jose Torralba continues to implement stricter measures and operational reforms at the Port of Manila, one of the Bureau of Customs' most critical collection districts.

Since assuming leadership of the Port of Manila in December, Torralba has focused on strengthening enforcement, improving revenue collection, and enhancing operational efficiency in line with the modernization efforts being pushed by BOC Commissioner Ariel Nepomuceno.

The Port of Manila plays a major role in the country's trade operations, handling billions worth of cargo shipments annually. As one of the busiest ports in the Philippines, it remains under constant pressure to balance trade facilitation with strict customs enforcement.

Under Torralba's administration, stricter cargo assessments, closer monitoring of import declarations, and tighter supervision of personnel have reportedly been implemented to help prevent undervaluation and other irregularities that affect government revenue collection.

Customs insiders noted that operational discipline inside the port has significantly improved through regular command conferences, structured monitoring systems, and intensified performance evaluations.

Torralba is considered a veteran customs official with years of experience in key enforcement assignments, including previous posts at the Ma-

nila International Container Port. His experience in customs operations is seen as an advantage in addressing long-standing challenges within the bureau.

The reforms being implemented at the Port of Manila are also aligned with the Bureau of Customs' ongoing modernization initiatives, which include increased digitalization, reduced manual intervention, and stronger transparency measures aimed at improving efficiency and accountability.

Reports further indicate that the Port of Manila has managed to meet, and in some periods exceed, its collection targets during the early months of 2026.

Despite these developments, officials acknowledge that challenges within the customs system remain complex and require continuous reforms, strong enforcement, and cooperation among stakeholders.

The current administration continues to engage with importers, brokers, and logistics stakeholders to ensure that legitimate trade transactions remain efficient while maintaining strict compliance with customs laws and regulations.

Observers believe that sustaining these reforms will be crucial in further strengthening public trust, operational efficiency, and revenue integrity at the country's busiest trading gateway. Observers noted that sustaining operational discipline and modernization efforts at the Port of Manila will remain essential in improving revenue collection, strengthening trade facilitation, and reinforcing public confidence in one of the country's most vital economic gateways.

SMC Revenues Up 19% in First Quarter on Broad Business Growth

San Miguel Corporation (SMC) delivered a strong start to 2026, with first quarter consolidated revenues rising 19% to P428.3 billion from the same period last year, supported by broad growth across its major businesses.

The results were driven by stronger Fuel and Oil volumes, with revenues reflecting movements in global prices, along with new contributions from its Energy business and sustained volume growth in Food.

Consolidated operating income increased 31% to P59.6 billion, driven by higher revenues and margin expansion in the Energy business, which helped offset margin pressure in Petron.

Reported consolidated net income was lower at P22.5 billion, from P43.4 billion in the same period last year due to the P21.9 billion gain from the partial sale of power assets and forex loss in 2026.

"Our businesses performed well in the first quarter, supported by steady demand and the hard work of our teams across the group," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang. "While global conditions remain challenging, we will stay disciplined in how we operate, serve our customers well, and continue investing where we can support our country's growth."

FOOD & BEVERAGE

San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc.'s (SMFB) first-quarter net income rose 2% to P11.8 billion, supported by gains in its Food and Spirits businesses, the stable performance of Beer, and disciplined cost management. Revenue increased 4% to P103.1 billion, while income from operations climbed 3% to P15.7 billion.

San Miguel Foods posted a 7% increase in revenue to P49.6 billion, driven by growth in the feeds segment and

sustained demand for branded products, including Magnolia dairy, coffee, and Purefoods meats. Operating income rose 10% to P4.9 billion, while net income climbed 8% to P3.3 billion.

San Miguel Brewery Inc. recorded P36.8 billion in revenue, reflecting a steady performance for the period. Domestic revenues reached P32.7 billion, supported by price adjustments amid volume and cost pressures, including higher excise taxes. Operating income was maintained at P7.9 billion, while net income stood at P6.2 billion, helped by cost controls and continued investments in brand and channel initiatives.

Ginebra San Miguel Inc. reported a 3% increase in revenues to P16.7 billion, with operating income at P2.8 billion and net income at P2.3 billion, also supported by brand-building initiatives and disciplined cost management.

POWER

San Miguel Global Power recorded a 26% year-on-year increase in revenues to P53.6 billion, driven in part by contributions from five battery energy storage system (BESS) facilities, as well as power supply agreements for the Mariveles and San Roque power plants.

Meanwhile, offtake volumes amounted to 6.5 million MWh, down 13% year-on-year, largely reflecting the deconsolidation of the Ilijan Power Plant and Batangas Combined Cycle Power Plant. Income from operations increased 163% to P28.1 billion, driven by topline growth, improved gross profit margins, and higher contribution from the BESS facilities.

Net income declined to P23.9 billion compared to the same period last year, mainly due to the P21.9 billion gain from the asset sale recorded in the first quarter of 2025.

FUEL AND OIL

Petron Corporation reported a net income of P1.8 billion in the first quarter of 2026, down 56% from P4.0 billion in the same period last year, as refinery output declined for both Philippines and Malaysia operations.

Port Dickson has remained shut since November 2025, after Tropical Storm Senyar damaged its product jetty, while Petron Bataan underwent scheduled maintenance. These disruptions were exacerbated by escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Revenues rose 27% to P246.0 billion in the first quarter, on the back of strong volume growth and higher average Dubai crude prices, which rose 12% from US\$77/bbl in 2025 to US\$86/bbl in 2026.

Excluding trading transactions from the company's operations in Singapore, Petron recorded sales volume of 25.7 million barrels in the Philippines and Malaysia, 7% lower than the previous year's 27.6 million barrels, due to lower production. Operating income declined by 36% to P6.1 billion. Margins were squeezed by higher product costs, with the absence of refinery production in Malaysia and reduced output in the Philippines.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The Infrastructure Group delivered P10.4 billion in revenues for the first quarter of 2026, marking a 7% increase versus the same period last year. Growth was driven by higher traffic volumes and continued operational improvements across all toll roads, with combined average daily vehicle volume rising 3% to 1.1 million vehicles. Operating income rose 12% to P6.0 billion, supported by strong revenues that more than offset operating costs.

CEMENT

SMC's Cement business, which includes Eagle Cement Corporation, Northern Cement Corporation, and Southern Concrete Industries, Inc., posted consolidated revenues of P9.2 billion, up 3% year-on-year, as strong volume growth outpaced lower average selling prices in a highly competitive market. The rebound in sales volume reflected across the board growth — supported by reduced traded imports following the implementation of anti-dumping duties in February, and advance customer orders ahead of March price increases. Operating income reached P1.7 billion, 3% higher from the corresponding quarter last year.

More than 31K jobs created through DOTr's railway, subway projects

MANILA — More than 31,000 jobs in the Philippines have so far been created by two of the Department of Transportation's (DOTr) big-ticket projects — the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) and the Metro Manila Subway Project (MMSP).

In a statement on Thursday, acting DOTr Secretary Giovanni Lopez said foreign project contractors of these big-ticket projects are encouraged to hire Filipinos in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s order to provide more local job opportunities.

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He noted that local workers are competent, talented, and skilled,

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To date, DOTr-foreign project contractor partnerships have resulted in 10,122 Filipinos working to build the MMSP, while 21,031 Filipino workers are employed at the NSCR.

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Once operational, the 35-station, 147-km. NSCR will cut travel time from Clark, Pampanga to Calamba, Laguna and vice

versa by two hours from the current four hours and will serve an estimated 800,000 passengers daily.

On the other hand, the 17-station, 33-km. MMSP will traverse Valenzuela City to Parañaque City and vice versa, ending at the Bicutan Station in Taguig City with a spur line at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 in Pasay City.

The subway is expected to reduce travel time to just 45 minutes from the usual one hour and 38 minutes, with a projected ridership of approximately 519,000 passengers daily once it becomes fully operational in 2032. (PNA)



RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION. The launching gantry dubbed "Luid" used in the construction of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Malolos-Clark segment in this undated photo. Acting Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez said Thursday (May 28, 2026) that more than 31,000 jobs for Filipinos have been generated by the NSCR and the Metro Manila Subway Project. (Photo courtesy of DOTr)

DTI Rizal Supports Coconut Farmers Through CFIDP Information Drive in Rodriguez

RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL — In line with its continuing commitment to enterprise development and grassroots economic empowerment, the DTI Rizal Provincial Office participated in the "Impormasyon at Serbisyong Abot-Kamay Batch 2" Information Drive organized by the Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Regional Training Center under the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) on May 19, 2026 at the Municipal Agriculture Office in Munting Ilaw, Kasiglahan Village, Rodriguez, Rizal.

The activity gathered coconut farmers, stakeholders, and partner agencies to provide accessible government services, programs, and technical assistance aimed at strengthening the local coconut industry and improving livelihood opportunities for farmers.

Representing DTI Rizal, Negosyo Center Business Counselor Rebmets San Andres discussed the various programs and services of the agency that can help coconut farmers and aspiring entrepreneurs add value to their products

and improve their business operations. His presentation focused on how DTI can assist in areas such as product development, entrepreneurial mindset enhancement, packaging and labeling improvement, marketing, and management capability-building, particularly for coconut-based products and by-products.

The participation of DTI Rizal highlighted the agency's advocacy of transforming local producers into competitive entrepreneurs by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and support services to enter broader markets and develop sustainable enterprises.

The collaborative

activity was spearheaded by DA-ATI Regional Training Center IV-A under the leadership of Center Director Dr. Rolando Maningas, together with Regional Manager III Mr. Bibiano Concibido Jr., RAgr, Provincial Coconut Development Manager Warren De Guzman, and Municipal Agriculturist Isagani Serrano, alongside other partner government agencies.

Through initiatives like this, DTI Rizal continues to strengthen inter-agency collaboration in supporting farmers and rural communities—not only in agricultural production but also in enterprise development and value-adding opportunities that contribute to inclusive local economic growth.



DOTr reviews driver licensing system to minimize road crash incidents

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