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PHILHEALTH LHIO DASMARIÑAS AND DLSMHSI STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP THROUGH MOU FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

PhilHealth through its Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Dasmariñas and the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) strengthened their partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on August 14, 2026, at the DLSMHSI Library Auditorium.

The partnership, effective August 15, 2026 to August 15, 2028, supports DLSMHSI's Pre-Employment Services Program through its Alumni Center for Engagement and Services (ACES), providing graduating students and alumni with easier access to PhilHealth services as they prepare to enter the workforce.

Under the MOU, LHIO Dasmariñas will assist eligible students and alumni with PhilHealth registration, updating of member record, issuance of Member Data Record and PhilHealth ID, and YAKAP clinic assignment.

LHIO Dasmariñas will also provide guidance on the PhilHealth online application and conduct orientations on PhilHealth membership, benefits, and available services.

The MOU was represented by LHIO Dasmariñas Chief Social Insurance Officer Ma. Obedia M. Fontanilla, Social Insurance Officer II Alma P. Fortaleza, and Social Insurance Officer II Darlene D. Albaro. Representing DLSMHSI were President Dr. Antonio B. Romas, Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer Ferdinand L. Serba, Vice Chancellor for Academics Dr. Naomi M. De Ara, and ACES Director Kathlyne Jane F. Graycochea.

Through this collaboration, LHIO Dasmariñas and DLSMHSI continue to bring essential health insurance information and services closer to future professionals, helping them stay informed and protected as they begin their professional journey. ### (JMM)

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MMDA transforms former Cavite landfill into nature park, training hub

MANILA – The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has transformed a former sanitary landfill in Carmona, Cavite into a nature park and disaster preparedness training facility that will serve Metro Manila and nearby communities.

Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, together with MMDA Chairman Don Artes and other government officials, led the inauguration of the MMDA Nature Park and other development projects in Sitio Paligawan Matanda, Barangay Lantic, on Friday.

The development of the former landfill into the MMDA Nature Park was conceptualized by Cabinet Secretary Benhur Abalos during his tenure as MMDA chair, following the policy direction of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to provide additional green and open spaces for public recreation and environmental enhancement.

In his message at the inauguration ceremony, Recto



DepEd expands school healthcare access for 47,000 beneficiaries

DA-PhilRice honors Alex Eala with a rice-field tribute in Nueva Ecija



Alex Eala has conquered tennis courts around the world. Now, she has made her mark on a rice field.

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) paid tribute to the 21-year-old Filipino tennis trailblazer with a giant rice-paddy artwork at its campus in the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.

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BIRTH OF EDSON R. BALIGCOT,
Spec. Pro. Case No. BSP-2026-25
For: Correction of Entries

EDSON RAPIZA BALIGCOT,
Petitioner,

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
BACOR AND PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondent.

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INITIAL ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Petition for Correction of Entries, filed by petitioner Edson Rapiza Baligcot.

The Court finds the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, set the same for hearing on 22 October 2026 at 10:00 in the morning, at 2nd floor Maisquare Filinvest Malls, Bacoor Blvd. (Molino Blvd.), Brgy. Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite. All interested persons are enjoined to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let a corresponding Notice of Hearing be issued and be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Cavite and to have said Notice of Hearing posted together with a copy of this Order by the process server of this Court in the bulletin boards of:

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The posting should be at least has thirty (30) days prior to the trial date of hearing.

Accordingly, let the Notice of Hearing be sent to parties affected by the Petition at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of hearing.

The Petitioner is hereby directed to furnish a copy of the Petition to all concerned with proof of receipt thereof and submit compliance before the date of hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Done in Chambers, City of Bacoor, Cavite, 29 July 2026.

BERNA C. CABLES-TORNEROS
Presiding Judge

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PAGCOR joins Handog ng Pangulo caravan, backs rollout in 94 areas

MANILA – The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR) joined the nationwide rollout of Handog ng Pangulo 2026 on Monday, supporting the government's effort to bring public services and assistance closer to communities in 94 cities and municipalities.

In a news release, PAGCOR said its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Alejandro Tengco represented President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. at the launch of the caravan at the Quezon City MICE Center.

"Isinasagawa natin ang nationwide na Handog ng Pangulo kung saan ang mga ahensya ng pamahalaan, pambansa at lokal, ay maghahatid mismo sa inyo ng kanilang mga serbisyo (We are conducting the nationwide Presidential Outreach where government agencies, both national and local, will deliver their services directly to you)," Tengco said, underscoring government efforts in bringing public services closer to the people.

QC Mayor Joy Belmonte and National Housing Authority (NHA) General Manager Joeben Tai also attended the launch.

The simultaneous caravan, which aims to make government services more accessible by bringing assistance and frontline services directly to communities, was held in 94 cities and municipalities nationwide in connection with President Marcos' 69th birthday on Sept. 13.

Tengco urged Filipinos to take advantage of the ser-

vices offered through the caravan.

"Sapagkat para sa Pangulo, ang pinakamahaling handog sa araw na ito ay ang pagkakataong makapaglingkod sa sam-bayanang Pilipino (Because for the President, the most important offering today is the opportunity to serve the Filipino people)," he said.

The caravan in QC also included the ceremonial awarding of housing titles from the NHA, distribution of assistance under the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Sustainable Livelihood Program, toolkits from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and education assistance from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

More than 5,000 served in Cavite

In Cavite, more than 5,000 residents received government assistance and frontline services during the Handog ng Pangulo caravan led by Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Jonvic Remulla in Trece Martires City.

About PHP12.7 million in government assistance was distributed to beneficiaries, which included some PHP8.1 million for displaced overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) through the Department of Migrant Workers' Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangangailangan Fund, and PHP1.86 million in student aid for Cavite State Uni-

MMDA...

recognized the transformation of the site as an example of the MMDA collaborating with other local government units that can be replicated across other regions. "With the Kadiwa ng Pangulo, agricultural programs here, this initiative is a true convergence of government programs. Cabinet Secretary Abalos and Chairman Artes had a wonderful vision. This is how public funds must be spent, for the benefit of the public. Congratulations, this is a true example of Bagong Pilipinas," Recto said.

Artes said the milestone marks another step toward strengthening the MMDA's commitment to sustainable urban development, improved public service and a more resilient metropolis.

"The site also serves as a training facility for disaster preparedness and emergency response. The facility is not only for MMDA responders, but also open to volunteers, partner agencies, local government units, community groups, and all those who wish to train and prepare for emergencies," he said.

Other projects inaugurated were the Bamboo Pavilion, Livestock Farm and Seedling Nursery.

Cavite 5th District Rep. Roy Loyola expressed gratitude to the

national government for the successful transformation of the former landfill, saying the site has become a flourishing local tourist destination.

"When the landfill was closed, we sought its rehabilitation; that is why we are thankful to MMDA Chairman Artes for this initiative. We give our full support to the programs implemented at this newly-developed site," said Loyola, who represented his wife, Carmona Mayor Dahlia, at the event.

The event also featured disaster response exercises conducted by the MMDA Public Safety Division and Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management officers from various LGUs at the Disaster Preparedness Training Facility.

The training facility features a rappelling tower, confined space structure, wrecked building with structure rubble pile, pancake collapsed structure, fire suppression facility and vehicle simulator.

MMDA deputy chairperson Undersecretary Frisco San Juan Jr., Department of Trade and Industry Assistant Secretary Kristian Ablan, Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez, Department of Agriculture representatives and other government officials were also present at the event. (PNA)

versity grantees through CHED.

Other government agencies also joined the event and provided services during the event, including the regional offices of the Bureau of Immigration, Department of Agrarian Reform, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Land Registration Authority - Registry of Deeds, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

During the event, Remulla said the Philippine General Hospital in Carmona is expected to become opera-

tional this year, providing accessible, quality medical services for Caviteños.

He added that the construction of the Sangley International Airport is expected to move forward next year and generate more than 30,000 jobs for Filipinos.

Handog ng Pangulo was first launched by the Office of the President in 2024, bringing national government agencies and local governments together in one venue for easier access to government programs, assistance and frontline services. (With reports from Christopher Lloyd T. Caliwan/PNA)

YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo: Kalingang Nararamdaman, Kalusugang Maaasaan

Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsulong ng Univer-sal Health Care (UHC), sabay-sabay na isinagawa sa buong bansa ang YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo noong Setyembre 14, 2026 na may temang "Serbisyong Pangkalusugan, Proteksiyong Pangkalahatan" katuwang ang iba't ibang national at lokal na ahensya tulad ng DILG, PSA, mga Local Government Units (LGUs), DepEd, media partners, at mga piling accredited PhilHealth YAKAP at GAMOT providers.

Sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo, higit na pinatitibay ng pamahalaan ang pangakong maghatid ng dekalidad, abot-kaya, at accessible na serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa bawat Pilipino upang masiguro na bawat pamilyang Pilipino ay malayo sa sakit.

Bilang bahagi ng implementasyon nito, bawat lawigan ay inatasang magsagawa ng tig-isang school-based at community-based activity upang mas maraming mamamayan ang mabigyan ng sapat na impormasyon at mas mapalawak ang kanilang akses sa mga serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Nakatakda ang aktibidad sa pamamagitan sa siyam na piling lugar sa rehiyon:

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• Pedro Guevara Memorial National High School – Santa Cruz, Laguna

CAVITE
• Greenbreeze Elementary School – Dasmariñas, Cavite
• New Provincial Government Center – Trece Martires City, Cavite
• Kanggahan Elementary School – Trece Martires City, Cavite
• Tagaytay City Velodrome – Tagaytay City, Cavite

QUEZON
• Philippine Normal University South Luzon – Lopez, Quezon
• Quezon Convention Center – Lucena City, Quezon
• Lucena East 7 Elementary School – Lucena City, Quezon



Bahagi ng aktibidad ang pagbibigay ng mahalagang kaalaman tungkol sa PhilHealth YAKAP at Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT) benefit. Kabilang dito ang impormasyon hinggil sa pag-access ng primary healthcare services, regular na pagpapakonsulta sa mga accredited primary care providers, at availability ng outpatient medicines para sa mas maagap at tuloy-tuloy na pangangalaga sa kalusugan.

Tinatayang may 3,600 total ang nakilahok sa aktibidad kung saan:

- 1,648 ang sumailalim sa First Patient Encounter (FPE);
- 885 ang nabigyan ng konsultasyon mula sa YAKAP doctors;
- 361 ang nakapag-avail ng mga benepisyos sa ilalim ng GAMOT Program; at
- 368 ang matagumpay na nairehistro sa PhilSys.

Ayon sa PhilHealth, mahalagang bahagi ng programa ang paglapit mismo sa mga komunidad ng serbisyo sa ilalim ng YAKAP upang matiyak na ang mga miyembro ay may access sa mga serbisyo ng pamahalaan nang hindi na kinakailangang bumiyahe nang malalayo. Lalo itong mahalaga para sa mga residente ng mga geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA), kung saan madalas na limitado ang access sa impormasyon at serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Bukod sa pagbibigay ng impormasyon at serbisyo, binibigyang-diin din ng PhilHealth ang kahalagahan ng opinyon at karanasan ng mga miyembro. Ayon sa PhilHealth, ang feedback mula sa mga miyembro ay mahalagang kasangkapan sa pagtukoy ng mga puwang o kakulangan sa paghahatid ng serbisyo at sa pagtiyak na ang mga programa at benepisyong ipinatutupad ay tunay na tumutugon sa aktuwal na pangangailangan at karanasan ng mga Pilipino. Sa pamamagitan ng aktibong pakikinig sa mga miyembro, mas napabubuti at napapal-akas ang mga serbisyo upang maging mas abot-kaya, at kapaki-pakinabang para sa lahat.

Ang YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo ay isang inter-agency collaboration sa pakikipagtulungan sa mga katuwang na ahensya ng pamahalaan kabilang ang Department of Education (DepEd), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), at Department of Health (DOH), bilang bahagi ng whole-of-government approach sa pagpapalawak ng akses sa serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Sa pamamagitan ng mas pinaigting na koordinasyon sa mga partner agencies at aktibong pakikilahok ng mga komunidad, inaasahan ng PhilHealth na mas maraming mamamayan ang mabibigyan ng pagkakataong makapagparehistro, makapag-empanel sa kanilang napiling YAKAP provider, at makagamit ng mga benepisyong pangkalusugan na kanilang nararapat matanggap.

Patunay ang YAKAP sa patuloy na pangako ng PhilHealth na ilapit ang serbisyong pangkalusugan sa bawat Pilipino at tiyaking walang maiwan sa pagkamit ng de-kalidad, madaling ma-access, at makataong pangangalagang pangkalusugan para sa lahat. Sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP at GAMOT, mas nagiging abot-kamay ang kalusugan at mas nagkakaroon ng pagkakataon ang bawat Pilipino na magkaroon ng mas malusog na kinabukasan.

Kaya naman, paalala ng PhilHealth na magpa-YAKAP na para malayo sa sakit.

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ARANGKADA PARA SA 6,817 TODA

Masaya po akong nakasama ang ating mga TODA members sa pagtanggap nila ng cash assistance mula sa Provincial Government of Cavite sa ilalim ng programang ARANGKADA. Maraming salamat po kina Gov. Abeng Remulla at Vice Gov. Ram Revilla Bautista sa tulong na ito para sa ating mga TODA. Alam po natin kung gaano kahalaga ang bawat tulong para sa ating mga kababayang araw-araw na bumibiyahe at naghahanapbuhay para sa kanilang pamilya.

Patuloy po tayong magtutulongan para maihatid ang mga programang may direktang pakinabang sa ating mga kababayan.



KASAMA KA KAHIT SENIOR KA NG PESO CARMONA

Sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Public Employment Service Manager (PESO) ay idinaos ang Kasama Ka Kahit Senior Ka kung saan idinaos ang Capacity Building Seminar on Developing Business Plan for Senior Citizen. Layon ng naturang aktibidad ng makapagbahagi ng dagdag kaalaman



GRAND OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE TMC SNED CENTER

Isang makabuluhang araw para sa ating mga mag-aaral ang pagbubukas ng TMC Special Needs Education (SNED) Center sa Command Center, Barangay Conchu. Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, patuloy nating isinusulong ang ating lungsod ng Trece Martires na patuloy na makapagbigay ng pantay na pagkakataon, angkop na suporta, at dekalidad na edukasyon para sa bawat learner.

BAWAT BAYAN MAKIKINABANG PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN CAVITE

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TANZA LGU EXTENDS AID TO FISHERS AFFECTED BY HABAGAT

Nagpatuloy ang pag-abot ng tulong ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Tanza sa mga mangingisdang naapektuhan ng nagdaang Habagat matapos masira ang kanilang mga bangka. Personal na tinungo ni Mayor Archangelo "SM" Matro, kasama sina Kon-



KRUS NG KALUWALHATIAN

Nakisa ang ating Punong Bayan, Mayor Davey Reyes Chua sa tradisyunal na Karakol sa Dagat sa TIP, San Rafael 3 kaugnay



FLOOD MITIGATION SUMMIT 2026: SAMA-SAMANG AKSYON KONTRA-BAHA

Bilang kinatawan ng ating Distrito, aktibo po tayong nakiisa at dumalo sa Flood Mitigation Summit 2026 para sa First and Second Legislative Districts ng Cavite, na ginanap ngayong araw sa Kawit. Nakasama natin sa mahalagang pagtitipon na ito sina Congw. Lani M. Revilla, Rosario Mayor Jose Voltaire V. Ricafrente, Rosario Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales, Noveleta Vice Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua, Cavite City Vice Mayor Raleigh Grepo Rusit, Kawit Vice Mayor Angelo G. Aguinaldo, at Bacoor Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, kasama ang mga kinatawan ng DPWH, OCD-CALABARZON, DOLE, Cavtex, at iba pang stakeholders. lisa ang ating layunin: ang magkaroon ng mas malinaw at koordinadong hakbang laban sa pagkilos kontra-baha!



ROSARIO LGU PREPARES FOR POSSIBLE EL NIÑO IMPACT

Sa atas ng ating butihing Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente, nagsagawa ng pagpupulong ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Rosario, sa pangunguna ni Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales, kasama ang DepEd Rosario sa pangunguna ni Dr. Rolando Talon, Jr., ED., DILG MLGOO Ms. Marren Juangco-Bautista, PNP Rosario, BFP Rosario, at mga Department Heads ng Pamahalaang Bayan. Tinalakay dito ang mga hakbang at plano sa paghahanda sa posibleng epekto ng El Niño sa ating bayan, lalo na sa suplay ng tubig, kabuhayan, kalusugan, at pag-aaral.



Deped...

MANILA, Philippines— Over 47,000 target beneficiaries may now access primary health-care services after the Department of Education (DepEd) led a nationwide health drive on Monday across 91 public school campuses in 85 cities and provinces, transforming local campuses into primary healthcare hubs. According to a DepEd statement, the initiative is part of the multi-agency Handog ng Pangulo service caravan, established under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s directive to deliver frontline social services directly to communities. The caravan is conducted in partnership with the Philippine Health Insurance Corp.'s (PhilHealth) Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (Yakap).

"Through cooperation with PhilHealth and other agencies of Handog ng Pangulo, we are making sure that our teachers, students, and their families will have access to free and quality healthcare," he added.

DepEd also joined the Handog ng Pangulo activity at the Kalinga Sports Center with partner agencies, including

The 47,000 beneficiaries include around 22,000 teachers, 18,700 students, 6,000 parents and guardians, and 900 non-teaching personnel.

"Under the direction of President Bongbong Marcos, we continue to bring standard government services to our countrymen," Education Secretary Sonny Angara said in Filipino.

"Through cooperation with PhilHealth and other agencies of Handog ng Pangulo, we are making sure that our teachers, students, and their families will have access to free and quality healthcare," he added.

DepEd also joined the Handog ng Pangulo activity at the Kalinga Sports Center with partner agencies, including

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the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and PhilHealth.

To streamline public access, participating school sites provided on-site registration for new PhilHealth members, issuance of official PhilHealth IDs and Member Data Records (MDR), official assignment to designated Yakap primary care clinics, initial medical consultations and preventive health registration, and the direct distribution of essential medicines through the GAMOT program.

Timed during the nationwide wellness break for public school educators and students, the school-based caravan allowed families to receive essential medical services without disrupting academic schedules.

DA...

The artwork, created by PhilRice's Community Relations Office, will take clearer shape in October as the rice plants change color, turning the field into a giant tribute to the country's newest sports icon.

"Our Community Relations Office thought, why not honor Alex in the way we know best, with rice?" PhilRice executive director John de Leon said. "As the rice matures and changes color in October, her image will become even clearer."

Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. was equally delighted when shown a photo of the paddy art.



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"This is great, a very fitting acknowledgment of what Alex Eala has done for Philippine tennis and for uniting Filipinos wherever they are in the world," Tiu Laurel said.

"Truly, Alex is a proud Pinoy, and Filipinos take pride in what she has accomplished and what she will accomplish. This is the Department of Agriculture family's way of saying, 'Salamat, Alex!'" he added.

Eala has become a unifying figure for Filipinos at home and abroad, reaching a career-high world ranking of No. 18 in less than two years on the Women's Tennis Association tour.

She skipped the China Open, a WTA 1000 event, to represent the Philippines at this year's Asian Games, a decision that could cost her ranking points and a fine.

PhilRice has previously featured sports icons Manny Pacquiao and Hidilyn Diaz in its rice-paddy art. Now Eala has her own patch of Nueva Ecija, where her likeness will grow greener, turn golden, and eventually bow to the harvest.

For once, "grass court" tennis has a distinctly Filipino twist: Eala is making waves on a rice court. ### (By DA – OSEC Comms & PhilRice photo)

Philippine revolution's first victory in Battle of Imus a lesson in patriotism, accountability

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — A former lawmaker wants the Battle of Imus taught in schools, calling the historic event a crucial but often overlooked chapter in Philippine history.

In his message during the 130th anniversary of the Battle of Imus last September 3, former senator and Philippine Red Cross (PRC) chairperson Richard Gordon emphasized that today's generation should learn more about the battle's history, which was a decisive victory against the Spanish forces.

"Hindi lang ito isang labanan na natutuwa tayo. Dapat malaman at maituro sa eskwela ito sapagkat itong labanang ito ang nagbigay-daan para sa ating kalayaan. It is important for us to remember na ang labanan na ito ay laban ng mga Pilipino sa ating bansa, labanan na kahit salat sa gamit at sa armas ay nabuo at luma-go."

Gordon emphasized that the revolutionaries did not have the weaponry that matched that of their

enemies, the Battle of Imus teaches a valuable lesson on perseverance and courage—values that remain relevant amid the issues the country faces today.

"If we forget the sacrifices of our leaders ay walang mangyayari sa Pilipinas. That is why dapat maituro ito because this is the very first victory of our very poor Filipinos as they fought for a country that did not exist at that time."

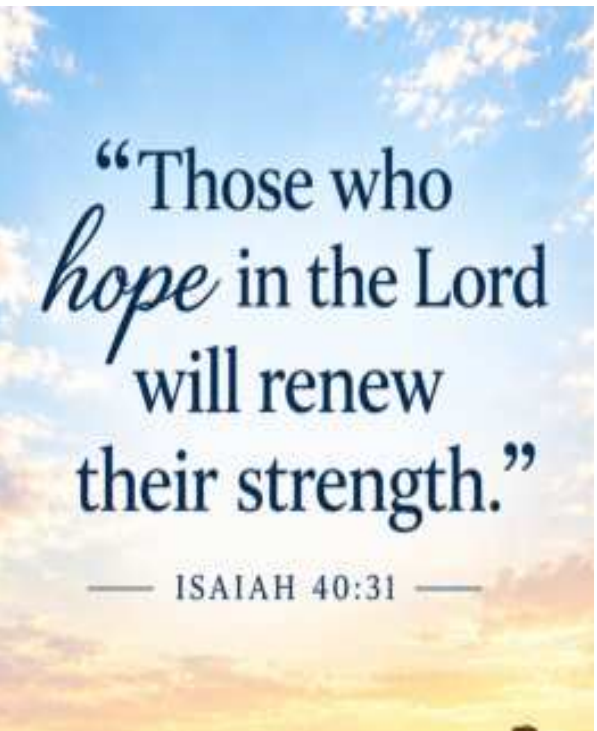
For Mayor Alex Advincula, the Battle of Imus remains deeply relevant today, serving as a reminder of the unity and patriotism needed to face the country's current challenges.

"Ipagpatuloy natin

ang malasakit at pagkakaisa. Ito po 'yung nawawala ngayon, nawawala na po ang malasakit sa ating bayan. Alam naman po nating dugo at pawis ang puhunan ng ating mga ninuno kaya natin nakamtam nang ganitong kalayaan."

Advincula added, "Mayroon pong mga problema ang ating lungsod, pero hindi kaya nang nagiisa ito, kailangan po nito ng tulong-tulong muli natin."

The mayor also noted that while the city faces its own challenges—such as flooding—it remains committed to transparency and accountability to help resolve broader issues affecting Philippine governance.



Nakatago Sa Personal Effects: P199.7M Shabu, nasabat ng tropa nina Coll. Mapa sa Pasay City



"WALANG kamatayan na illegal drugs," pagbibiro ng isang licensed Customs broker na may regular na transaksyon sa Bureau of Customs-Port of Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

"Pero ang good news ay kaagad rin naman nasasabat at tuluyang kinukumpiska. Ang galing! Good job sa tropa nina District Collector, Atty. Yasmin O. Mapa at Special Deputy Collector Dr. Siegfred L. Manaois ng Paircargo Assessment Composite Division," pagmamagaling ng broker sa mga awtoridad.

Ngunit kung tutuusin, malaki ang tama ng tinutukoy nating indibiduwal sa kanyang obserbasyon na tila 'ata wala nang kamatayan o katapusan ang nasasamsam na sandamakmak na ilegal na droga sa mga puerto ng Customs, partikular sa dalawang paliparan--NAIA at Clark.

Halos magpaligsahan sa mabilis na pagsabat ng milyu-milyong halagang illegal drugs ang mga magaling at alertong pinuno ng Customs sa Port of NAIA at Port of Clark. Kakaiba ang kanilang kahusayan at katapatan sa aktibong paglilingkod--"hindi natutulog sa pansitan." Kapuri-puri!

Kung matatandaan ninyo, noong September 14, 2026, pinangunahan ni Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, kasama ang Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Port of NAIA at Paircargo Assessment Composite Division ang inspeksyon sa mahigit P199.7 milyong halaga ng shabu at high-grade marijuana na nasabat sa pakages na idineklarang mga "personal effects," at tangkang ipuslit sa isang Customs bonded warehouse sa Pasay City.

Ang kargamentong binubuo ng 15 kahon na mula sa Canada, ay naflagged ng BOC X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) makaraang makitaan ng hinihinalang imahe na nadetek nang dumaan sa screening machines ng X-ray, na dahilan upang mag-isyu ang BOC-NAIA ng Alert Order kasunod ang pagpatupad ng 100% physical examination at verification sa mga packete.

Habang isinagawa ang examination, nadiskubre ng mga awtoridad ang anim (6) na mga kahong

naglalaman ng 28 lata ng tinatayang 28,324 gramo ng pinaghihinalaang methamphetamine hydrochloride, or "shabu," na aabot sa P192.603 milyong halaga. Natuklasan rin ang iba pang mga kahon na naglalaman ng 4,746 gramo ng hinihinalang high-grade marijuana, or "kush," na nagkakahalaga ng P7.119 milyon.

Bistado rin ang 20 tuwalya at 20 duvet kung saan nakapaloob ang likidong methamphetamine o shabu.

Isinailalim sa pagsusuri sa laboratoryo ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) ang mga sample mula sa pinaghihinalaang shabu, high-grade marijuana at liquid methamphetamine. Nagpositibo ang mga ito sa methamphetamine hydrochloride at cannabis.

Isinagawa ang operasyon sa pamamagitan ng koordinasyon ng PDEA, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), Customs

Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force (CAIDTF), Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), X-Ray Inspection Project (XIP), NAIA Inter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group (NAIA-IADITG), at Paircargo Assessment Composite Division sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Special Duty Collector, Dr. Siegfred L. Manaois.

Ayon kay Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, ipinakikita ng pagkasabat ang mahalagang papel ng paggamit ng intelligence-driven profiling, X-ray screening, at mahigpit na koordinasyon ng

intelligence-driven profiling, X-ray screening, at mahigpit na koordinasyon ng mga ahensya sa pagpigil sa pagpasok ng ilegal na droga sa bansa. "Hindi natin hahayaan maging daan ang ating mga paliparan para sa pagpasok ng ilegal na droga. Sa pamamagitan ng mas mahusay na teknolohiya, mas matalas na paniktik at matatag na koordinasyon sa ating mga katuwang na ahensya, lalo

ahensya.

nating napalalakas ang kakayahang matukoy at mapigilan ang mga ganitong kargamento bago pa man makarating sa ating mga komunidad," ani Nepomuceno.

Binigyang-diin ni BOC-NAIA District Collector Atty. Yasmin O. Mapa ang patuloy na pagbabantay ng Port sa pagsusuri ng mga kargamento at pagpapalakas ng koordinasyon sa mga katuwang na ahensya upang maiwasan ang mga tangkang pagpupuslit ng ilegal na droga sa pamamagitan ng pangunahing pandaigdigang gateway ng bansa.

Alinsunod sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na paigtingin ang kampanya

laban sa ilegal na droga at pagpupuslit, patuloy na pinalalakas ng BOC, sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Commissioner Nepomuceno, ang seguridad sa mga hangganan sa pamamagitan ng pinahusay na paniktik, teknolohiya at koordinasyon ng mga ahensya.

DepEd, industry partners advance SHS graduates' employability

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) has partnered with over 170 institutions from various sectors to further strengthen the employability of Senior High School (SHS) graduates.

This comes as the agency conducted high-level discussions with industry leaders through the DepEd-Industry Dialogue on Global Competitiveness, Innovation, and Preparing Senior High School Learners for the Jobs of the Future on Tuesday.

In a statement on Wednesday, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara said this move helps them meet industry demands by implementing an improved SHS curriculum.

This is still in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure quality education and global competitiveness among the Filipino workforce.

"Our graduates

must enter the workforce with genuine hands-on experience and real competencies. By sitting down directly with our industry leaders, we are ensuring that what we teach in school matches what the real world actually demands," Angara said.

In particular, sector representatives stressed the need to adjust with the rapid technological disruption.

This means entry-level requirements are shifting to "complex decision-making, critical thinking, and advanced digital capability."

Industry leaders also stressed the need to embed "strict workplace safety standards, essential soft skills, and ethical values into early career training" to allow SHS graduates to succeed in highly-demanding work environments.

For his part, Angara said these changing trends

will be addressed through enhanced curriculum and expanded work immersion opportunities.

"We are refining our curriculum and expanding our Enhanced Work Immersion Program because our learners deserve real pathways to quality jobs, entrepreneurship, and higher learning.

We cannot build a future-ready economy with yesterday's skills framework," he said.

Industry partners then backed the education's chief efforts for work immersion, with significant commitments for slots for SHS learners.

As of Tuesday, more than 60 percent, or 31,000 out of the 50,000 target work immersion slots, have already been pledged by partner associations.

This covers 1,100 job roles across various fields.

Overall, dialogues

covered efforts to ensure alignment between the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Curriculum and Work Immersion Program, considering emerging workforce trends worldwide.

Among the fields are manufacturing, semiconductors, IT-BPM, creative industries, healthcare, construction, automotive, energy, logistics, agribusi-

ness, financial services and tourism.

To date, the DepEd is streamlining the SHS framework from four tracks into two, which include Academic and Technical-Professional (TechPro).

This approach grants learners subject flexibility alongside intensive and industry-guided work opportunities.

Under TechPro,



BOC...

Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, together with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), led the inspection of more than P199.7 million worth of shabu and high-grade marijuana intercepted in packages declared as personal effects at a warehouse in Pasay.

The shipment, consisting of 15 boxes coming from Canada, was flagged by the BOC X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) after suspicious images were detected during X-ray screening.

This prompted the issuance of an Alert Order and the subsequent conduct of a 100% physical examination and verification of the packages.

During the examination, authorities discovered six (6) boxes containing 28 cans with approximately

28,324 grams of suspected methamphetamine hydrochloride, or "shabu," with an estimated standard drug price of P192.603 million. Another box was found to contain approximately 4,746 grams of suspected high-grade marijuana, or "kush," valued at P7.119 million.

Authorities also found 20 towels and 20 duvets suspected to contain liquid methamphetamine.

Samples taken from the suspected shabu, high-grade marijuana, and liquid methamphetamine were subjected to laboratory examination by PDEA and yielded positive results for methamphetamine hydrochloride and cannabis.

The operation was carried out through the coordinated efforts with the PDEA, Customs Intelligence and Investigation

Service (CIIS), Customs Anti-Illegal Drug Task Force (CAIDTF), Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), XIP, NAIA Inter-Agency Drug Interdiction Task Group (NAIA-IADITG), and other concerned authorities.

Commissioner Nepomuceno emphasized that the interception demonstrates the critical role of intelligence-driven profiling, X-ray screening, and close inter-agency coordination in preventing illegal drugs from entering the country.

"Hindi natin hahayaan gawing daan ang ating mga paliparan para sa pagpasok ng illegal drugs. With better technology, sharper intelligence, and strong coordination with our partner agencies, mas napapalakas natin ang ating kakayahang

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matukoy at mapigilan ang mga ganitong shipment bago pa makarating sa ating mga komunidad," the Commissioner said.

BOC-NAIA District Collector Atty. Yasmin O. Mapa likewise underscored the Port's continued vigilance in screening shipments and strengthening coordination with partner agencies to prevent attempts to smuggle illegal drugs through the country's primary international gateway.

In line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to intensify the campaign against illegal drugs and smuggling, the BOC, under Commissioner Nepomuceno's leadership, continues to strengthen border protection through enhanced intelligence, technology, and inter-agency coordination.



DOST, IRRI embarks on new partnership to advance rice research and capacity building through emerging technologies and innovative platforms

DOST Complex, Taguig City - The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) inks a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) on September 7, 2026 to formalize its shared commitment in advancing agriculture, nutrition, and food security in the Philippines through emerging technologies and innovation.

The long-established partnership looks forward to initiatives in further exploring the areas of rice genomics, bioinformatics web tools for omics research, high-performance computing, science cloud, research infrastructure, grain quality and nutrition for healthy diets, and other rice research domains. Joint research projects, knowledge exchange, sharing of technological resources, capacity building, and development of information and educational materials are expected under the new MOU.

A fruitful collaboration was borne out of the

earlier 5-year MOU between DOST and IRRI.

One particular initiative is the sequencing of 3,024 rice varieties through the help of the DOST's Computing and Archiving Research Environment (COARE) and Philippine Research, Education and Government Information Network (PREGINET) and studying the grain quality and drought tolerance to advance rice science and address food security issues.

In the current MOU, the DOST and IRRI aim to continuously further study rice varieties, work on climate-smart adaptation planning tools, and develop biotechnology applications for high-yielding, nutritious, and climate resilient rice. Leading the DOST, Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. emphasized the significance of delivering concrete scientific solutions to the society and said, "Our areas of collaboration are highly technical and expertise-focused. Our greatest mission is not just to arrive at our research results but also to communicate them

effectively to our different stakeholders.

Staying true to our mantra 'OneDOST4U: solutions and opportunities for all', we hope to champion transforming our knowledge and findings into technologies and innovative practical solutions that address real-life challenges. We hope to significantly help in the improvement of Filipino lives by having our innovations reach the grassroots."



digital tools, with the country's agricultural priorities. As framed in our 2025-2030 Strategy, we are not just driving innovation but ensuring it delivers lasting value to our Philippine

Dr. Yvonne Pinto, the Director General of IRRI, reaffirmed the Institute's dedication in progressing agricultural research and providing tangible outputs that will benefit the Philippines. "Our renewed partnership with DOST reflects IRRI's commitment to demand-driven, impact-oriented research. Working hand-in-hand with DOST allows us to combine global cutting-edge science, from genomics to

tritition and food security, promote sustainable production, and strengthen resilience through research collaborations, de-

velopment of information and educational materials, sharing of technological resources, and knowledge exchange, among others.



Group photo of the DOST (L) and IRRI (R) representatives at the DOST-IRRI MOU Signing Ceremony

