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Handog ng Pangulo brings gov't services closer to 5,000 Caviteños

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — With a goal to bring essential government services closer to the public, the Cavite leg of the Handog ng Pangulo served more than 5,000 residents and locators in the province.

Held simultaneously last September 14, Handog ng Pangulo was part of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s birthday celebration, which aimed to bring a caravan of government services and benefits across all sectors.

For its Cavite leg, Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor Remulla and Governor Abeng Remulla led the activity, and were joined by local chief executives and district representatives.

Handog ng Pangulo brought together various national government agencies, which provided to the beneficiaries their frontline services, livelihood and agricultural assistance, educational support, legal services, healthcare, employment opportunities, and other government programs.



BOC Files 6 Criminal Complaints Against Owner, Representatives, Broker and Customs Personnel Over Misdeclared Agricultural Shipments



SSS pays tribute to pensioners with annual Pensioners' Day

PAGASA, PhilRice forge data-sharing pact to strengthen climate-resilient rice planning



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BOC...

The Bureau of Customs (BOC), under Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, filed six criminal complaints before the Department of Justice (DOJ) on September 22, 2026 against the owner and representatives of an importer, a licensed customs broker, BOC officials and personnel, and other individuals allegedly involved in six shipments misdeclared as “chicken lollipops” to conceal thousands of sacks of fresh onions and boxes of carrots imported without the required regulatory clearance.

The shipments, consigned to Berches Consumer Goods Trading and which arrived in June 2025, were found during physical examinations to contain a total of 15,029

sacks of fresh white onions and 2,164 boxes of fresh carrots.

The agricultural products were likewise not covered by the required Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SP-SIC) from the Bureau of Plant Industry.

The complaints allege violations of Section 1401, in relation to Sections 1400 and 117, of Republic Act No. 10863, or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), arising from the alleged fraudulent misdeclaration of the shipments and the importation of regulated agricultural products without the required clearances.

The complaints against the concerned BOC officials and person-

nel likewise cite Section 1431 (c), (e), and (f) of the CMTA, which penalizes, among others, the willful neglect of duties enjoined by law, providing an opportunity for or failing to perform an act with the intent to enable another person to defraud the government of customs revenue, and negligently or designedly permitting another person to violate the law.

In parallel, the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) has endorsed the appropriate administrative charges against the concerned BOC officials and personnel to the Prosecution and Litigation Division (PLD) for the conduct of hearings in accordance with the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in

the Civil Service (RACCS).

Commissioner Nepomuceno stressed that the BOC will relentlessly pursue not only smugglers and their accomplices, but also any Customs official or employee found to have participated in, facilitated, or benefited from illegal activities. He reiterated this commitment following the recent National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) operation in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, which reportedly implicated Customs personnel in the alleged smuggling of imported chicken meat, stressing that no one is above the law.

“Wala tayong pagtatakpan at hindi natin kukunsintihin ang anumang paglabag, lalo na kung may pagtatangkang abusuhin ang ating mga

proseso. Importer man, broker, o kawani ng Customs, kung may sapat na ebidensya, gagawin natin ang nararapat at ihaharap ang kaso sa tamang proseso. Ang pananagutan ay para sa lahat,” Commissioner Nepomuceno said.

With the filing of the six complaints today, the BOC has now filed a total of 96 criminal cases with 288 respondents. The Bureau has likewise recorded ₱13.7 billion worth of seizures from 2025 through 2026, reflecting its sustained efforts to prevent the entry and movement of illicit and misdeclared goods and to protect legitimate trade and the Filipino public.

These enforcement actions are intended not only to hold violators ac-

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countable but also to send a clear message that attempts to circumvent customs laws and regulations will be met with decisive action. The BOC continues to strengthen its enforcement presence to create a strong deterrent against smuggling and other illicit activities while ensuring that legitimate businesses and compliant stakeholders are protected.

In line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to intensify the government's campaign against agricultural smuggling, the BOC under Commissioner Nepomuceno continues to strengthen border protection and internal accountability through the Bureau's Integrity, Accountability, and Modernization (IAM) Movement.

SSS confers awards on top employers, banks, media partners in 2026 Balikat ng Bayan Awards

QUEZON CITY, 22 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) yesterday recognized outstanding employers and partners that have helped the agency provide social security protection to Filipino workers, whether locally employed or overseas, and their beneficiaries, during an awarding ceremony held at the SSS corporate office in Quezon City.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said this year's Balikat ng Bayan Awards celebrated the exemplary contributions and steadfast commitment of employers and partner organizations in supporting SSS mission to ensure that every member is protected today and every family's future is secured.

De Claro said SSS paid tribute to two top employers, four collection partners, four disbursement partners, three accredited partner agents, and 11 media organizations, while giving special citations to six other partners during the ceremony.

“The success of the SSS in protecting the welfare of the Filipino

workforce is anchored on its strong ties with employers and partners,” de Claro said. “Through their continued support, we are able to provide vital social security benefits and services to our members and their beneficiaries.”

He added that the Balikat ng Bayan Awards is SSS way of acknowledging their indispensable role in promoting social security protection for all.

SSS named Golden Arches Development Corporation and Lachi's Dessert Bakery, Inc. as this year's Top Employer Award winners for the Large Accounts and Branch Accounts categories, respectively.

“The Top Employer winners were chosen based on their compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11199, or the Social Security Act of 2018, such as the online submission of employment reports, correct and up-to-date payment of contributions, proper remittance of member loan payments, and timely filing of sickness and maternity notifications. They are also active participants in SSS digital services, and their human resources person-

nel are well-versed in SSS and its programs,” de Claro said.

Meanwhile, the Best Collection Partner award-ees are Union Bank of the Philippines (Universal/Commercial Bank), Rangay Bank, Inc. (Thrift/Rural Bank), CIS Bayad Center, Inc. (Non-Bank), and Ventaja International Corporation (Overseas Partner).

De Claro explained that these banks and payment channels topped their respective categories for implementing efficient collection schemes for contributions and salary loan payments.

For Best Disbursement Partners, BDO Unibank, Inc. was named Best Universal/Commercial Bank, Philippine Savings Bank earned Best Thrift Bank, BDO Network Bank, Inc. received Best Rural Bank, and Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation's DiskarTech was recognized as Best Digital Bank.

De Claro said these banks were recognized based on their performance in serving SSS pensioners and members through the timely release of benefits and monthly pensions.

The Best Accredited

Partner Agents are the Local Government Unit of Valencia as Best KaSS-Sangga Collect Partner, First Community Cooperative as Best Cooperative Partner, and Community Saving and Credit Association Farmers as Best AlkanSSSya Program Partner.

These SSS-accredited partner agents were selected for their active participation in SSS programs that helped the pension fund expand its coverage and extend services to workers such as the self-employed, land-based OFWs, and voluntary members.

Best Media Partner awards were given to seven media organizations and four reporters/anchors. Philippine Daily Inquirer was named Best Print Media Partner – NCR, Laguna Courier as Best Print Media Partner – Luzon, and Negros Now Daily as Best Print Media Partner – Visayas.

The Best Broadcast Media Partner winners are DZMM TeleRadyo in NCR, CARE 104.3 DWAY FM in Luzon, 91.7 Ben FM in Visayas, and 91.1 Max FM Tacurong City in Mindanao.

Arlie Calalo of The Manila Times was named Best Media Personality in NCR. Geronimo Dig of 104.9 XFM Santiago City received the Best Media Personality in Luzon. Ionnes Omang of DYVL Aksyon Radyo Tacloban emerged as the Best Media Personality in Visayas, and Reynaldo Pallorina of 91.1 Max FM Tacurong City as the Best Media Personality in Mindanao.

SSS also gave Special Citations to the following for their various contributions to promoting SSS programs and services: Development Bank of the Philippines (Government Securities), First Metro Investments Corporation (Corporate Bonds), Land

Bank of the Philippines (Partner in Various SSS Transactions), Double-Dragon Corporation (Contribution Subsidy Provider), Department of Foreign Affairs (Partner Government Agency), and Commission on Filipinos Overseas (Partner Government Agency).

The annual SSS Balikat ng Bayan Awards, established in 1995, acknowledges the valuable contributions of individuals and organizations in helping SSS deliver quality services and programs to its members here and abroad. The awarding ceremony is one of the major highlights of SSS anniversary celebrations every September. #



Handog...

The Provincial Government also brought its flagship medical and dental consultation program and job fairs.

In a statement, the Office of the Provincial Information Officer (OPIO) underscored that the Handog ng Pangulo highlights the Marcos Jr. administration's committed to bring services closer to the people through a coordinated, one-stop delivery of programs and assistance.

“Through the convergence of the PGC and participating NGAs, Caviteños gained easier access to services supporting their health, livelihood, education, agriculture, employment, legal concerns, and overall welfare.”

Based on reports by the OPIO, Handog ng Pan-

gulo also awarded sector-specific assistance and livelihood projects.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) distributed allowances, training support funds, starter toolkits, and scholarship vouchers, while the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Cavite-Batangas awarded livelihood projects, including a ₱300,000 Rice-Duck Farming Livelihood Project, ₱210,000 High-Value Crop Production with Drip Irrigation System Project, and ₱500,000 RTL Chicken Project for the CY 2026

Most Outstanding Irrigators Association at the regional level.

The Department of Agriculture provided ₱4,034,902 worth of agricultural programs and services, while the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite awarded ₱673,000 for an Ideation, Design, and Development Laboratory and ₱580,000 for a Coffee Roasting Facility.

For education and migrant assistance, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) RO IV-A granted ₱1.86 million in UniFAST assistance to qualified Cavite State University grantees, while the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) RO IV-A extended ₱8.1 million through the AKSYON Fund for overseas Filipino workers in need.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) IV-A provided three FRP boats worth ₱210,000, ₱1.8 million worth of inputs for three HDPE fish cages, and ₱15 million for the es-

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tablishment of a Common Post-Harvest Facility under the FishCoRe Project.

Other government agencies, such as the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (OWWA), Land Registration Authority, and the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation extended their services to overseas workers, farmers, and their families.

The Department of Health (DOH) CALABARZON also distributed assistive devices, including wheelchairs, canes, and crutches, to identified beneficiaries. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Cavite Office of the Provincial Information Officer)

Mekeni Brings Elevated Filipino Street Food Experience at One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo 2026

CLARK, PAMPANGA — Bringing a fresh and more premium take on the Filipino street food experience, Street Flavors by Mekeni joined the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo 2026 on September 19–20 at the SMX Convention Center Clark, showcasing how familiar Filipino favorites can become a memorable part of events and celebrations.

A food cart business concept of Mekeni Food Corporation, Street Flavors is designed to bring the company's well-loved products closer to consumers through ready-to-operate food carts that combine convenience, quality, and a more elevated street food experience.

From corporate gatherings and school activities to birthdays, community celebrations, and other special occasions, Street Flavors brings the energy and familiarity of Filipino street food directly to events—giving guests an experience that is both casual and premium.

“We want to bring the street food experience

to events in a way that feels more exciting, convenient, and premium, while still keeping the flavors that Filipinos know and love,” said Mr. Pruds Garcia, President of Mekeni Food Corporation.

More than an event food concept, Street Flavors also opens opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs through its ready-to-operate food cart model.

By providing a business concept anchored on Mekeni's trusted food products, the initiative aims to create livelihood opportunities while expanding access to quality street food.

“Street food is deeply part of Filipino culture. Through Street Flavors, we want to give entrepreneurs an opportunity to bring that experience to more people while building a business of their own,” he added.

While Street Flavors continues to cater to events and special occasions, the concept is also designed to serve everyday consumers through accessible

food carts, making Mekeni products available beyond traditional retail channels.

Its participation in the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo highlighted Mekeni's continuing efforts to innovate beyond its core food manufacturing business and create new ways for consumers to experience its products.

Through Street Flavors by Mekeni, the company hopes to make quality, delicious, and distinctly Filipino street food more accessible, anytime, anywhere, and now, in a more premium way.



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PHILHEALTH, PATULUY NA PINALALAKAS ANG YAKAP AT GAMOT

PRO IVA News Release No. 2026-14

Mas pinalalawak ng PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A) ang paghahatid ng serbisyong pangkalusugan sa mga komunidad sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pagpapalakas ng Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) at Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT).

Sa ilalim ng PhilHealth YAKAP, maaaring makatanggap ang mga miyembro at kanilang dependents ng primary care consultation at assessment mula sa Primary Care Doctor ng kanilang napiling YAKAP Clinic. Kasama rin sa package ang iba't ibang laboratory at screening services na mahalaga sa maagang pagtukoy at pag-iwas sa mga sakit.

Kabilang dito ang 13 basic outpatient laboratory tests; gaya ng Complete Blood Count (CBC), lipid profile, fasting blood sugar, HbA1c, creatinine, chest X-ray, ECG, urinalysis at iba pa.

Mayroon ding anim na anti-cancer screening tests para sa maagang pagtuklas ng ilang uri ng cancer. Sa kasalukuyan, may 53 accredited facilities na nagbibigay ng mga serbisyong ito, kabilang ang breast ultrasound, mammography, alpha-fetoprotein, liver ultrasound, colonoscopy, at low-dose chest CT scan, depende sa pangangailangan at assessment ng pasyente.

Samantala, sa ilalim ng GAMOT, maaaring makatanggap ang bawat kwalipikadong miyembro ng hanggang P20,000 halaga ng essential medicines kada taon. Saklaw nito ang 54 na klase ng mahahalagang gamot para sa iba't ibang kondisyon, kabilang ang hypertension at cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, asthma at COPD, dyslipidemia, at iba pa.

Ang 21 essential medicines ay maaaring makuha sa napiling YAKAP Clinic, habang ang mga gamot na may GAMOT coverage ay maaaring i-dispense sa mga accredited GAMOT Providers.

Patuloy din sa pagpapalawak ng network ng mga pasilidad upang mas maraming residente sa Cavite, Laguna, at Quezon ang magkaroon ng mas madaling access sa mga benepisyonang ito. Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon nang 285 YAKAP-ready facilities na nakatugon sa itinakdang readiness requirements ng PhilHealth. Samantala, may 286 PhilHealth GAMOT Providers ang rehiyon na handang mag-dispense ng covered medicines sa mga miyembro. I-scan ang QR code para matiyak ang availability ng mga kailangang gamot sa malapit na GAMOT pharmacy sa inyong lugar.



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Para sa karagdagang impormasyon at updated na listahan ng YAKAP at GAMOT Providers, maaaring bisitahin ang opisyal na website ng PhilHealth sa www.philhealth.gov.ph o makipag-ugnayan sa pinakamalapit na PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office. ###(JNBC)

PAGASA...

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) aimed at strengthening the use of weather, climate and agricultural data for rice monitoring, research and climate-risk planning.

Signed by PAGASA Administrator Dr. Nathaniel T. Servando, Weather Services Chief Thelma A. Cinco, and DA-PhilRice Executive Director Dr. John C. De Leon on Thursday, September 24, the agreement establishes a framework for exchanging datasets and technical information between the two government institutions.

The partnership is intended to support science-based agricultural planning, disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. said the collaboration forms part of the government's broader push to modernize agriculture through science, technology and data-driven decision-making.

"The PhilRice-PAGASA collaboration is an important step in our push for a more modern, climate-resilient, productive, and sustainable agricul-

ture sector, while strengthening the country's food security," said Tiu Laurel. "By bringing weather and climate information together with agricultural data, we can help government and farmers make better-informed decisions and respond more effectively to climate risks," he added.

Under the agreement, PAGASA will provide DA-PhilRice with weather and climate datasets, including gridded information such as ClimGridPh, as well as access to its Ten-Day Weather Forecast API. The forecast service includes available information on rainfall, minimum and maximum temperature, wind speed and direction, cloud cover and humidity.

PAGASA will also share geospatial and hazard-related datasets, including tropical cyclone tracks, rainfall advisories, affected provinces, drought and dry-spell assessments, soil moisture maps, rainfall forecasts and surface-temperature forecasts.

In return, DA-PhilRice will provide PAGASA with rice-area and planting-date maps derived from the Philippine

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Rice Information System (PRIISM), rice growth-phase datasets and other agricultural geospatial information.

The institute will also share rice-risk assessments, historical provincial rice production and yield data, and rice variety information where applicable.

The agreement places particular emphasis on data security and intellectual property. Shared information is to be used for research and development purposes and not for personal or commercial advantage. Raw API data, system credentials and proprietary datasets may not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent from the originating institution.

The MOA takes effect upon signing and remains in force until December 2028, subject to renewal, amendment or early termination under specified conditions. Its data-sharing framework is intended to help translate weather and agricultural information into tools for monitoring, planning and managing risks to rice production. ### (By DA – OSEC Comms)



SSS...

QUEZON CITY, 18 September 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) honored nearly 4,000 pensioners at its annual Pensioners' Day celebration on 11 September 2026, held in 19 selected venues nationwide as part of the pension fund's 69th anniversary.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the event recognizes pensioners' years of hard work and contributions to the Philippine economy.

"We institutionalized this activity as an expression of gratitude to them for their significant contribution to our society," de Claro said, describing pensioners as pillars of nation-building.

The celebration carried the anniversary theme, "Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado", which underscores the SSS' commitment to protecting workers, members and pensioners against life's uncertainties while helping secure their families' future.

Pensioners urged to avail of Pension Loan Program

De Claro encouraged retiree and surviving spouse pensioners to avail

of the Pension Loan Program (PLP) to help meet their immediate financial needs.

The SSS launched the PLP in September 2018 to provide retiree pensioners with access to low-interest loans without requiring ATM cards as collateral. In September 2025, the program was expanded to include surviving spouse pensioners, giving them access to safe and affordable credit.

"The SSS pension loan is a secured cash loan with a transparent interest rate of 10% per year, computed based on a diminishing principal balance," de Claro said.

Qualified retiree pensioners may borrow an amount equivalent to three, six, nine, or 12 times their Aggregate Monthly Pension, subject to a maximum loan amount of P300,000. Available repayment terms are six, 12, and 24 months.

"For qualified surviving spouse pensioners, the loan amount is equivalent to 50% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension multiplied by three, six, nine, or 12 months, subject to a maximum of P150,000. Available loan terms are six and 12 months," he added.

The Aggregate

Monthly Pension consists of the basic monthly pension and the P1,000 additional benefit. A dependent's pension is excluded from the computation.

He said the SSS ensures that pensioner-borrowers retain a net take-home pension of at least 40% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension once monthly loan amortizations begin.

Eligibility and application

Retiree pensioners applying for the loan must be registered on the SSS website with updated contact information and an enrolled disbursement account. They must be 85 years old or younger at the end of the loan term, have no deductions from their monthly pension and have no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Loan Package.

They must also have been receiving an active monthly pension for at least one month and must not have been disqualified because of fraud committed against the SSS.

Surviving spouse pensioners must have an SS number and be registered on the SSS website with updated contact in-

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formation and an enrolled disbursement account. Those who are not SSS members must secure an SS number as a surviving spouse pensioner before registering online.

They must be at least 18 years old when applying and no older than 85 at the end of the loan term. They must have no pension deductions, no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Loan Package, and must have been receiving an active monthly pension for at least one month.

Surviving spouse pensioners must also be the sole payee of the death benefit and must not have been disqualified because of fraud committed against the SSS.

De Claro said that PLP applications can be filed either over-the-counter through the E-Centers of any SSS branch/service office, through E-Partners or online using the My.SSS account.

"Pension loan proceeds will be credited to the borrower's existing pensioner disbursement account or to another account enrolled through the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module," he added. #

DTI Laguna Promotes Banana Value-Adding Among Liliw Agri-Entrepreneurs



LILIW, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry — Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) supported 35 members of the Samahan sa Industriya ng Lanzones, Cacao, Kape at Saging sa Liliw (LACCCKAS) through the training-seminar "Inani to Aanihin: From Local Bananas to a Profitable Loaf," held on September 15, 2026, at Brgy. Pagasa, Mabini Street, Liliw, Laguna.

The activity focused on developing locally available bananas into value-added products.

The session focused on strengthening the participants' knowledge and skills in banana loaf production. It included discussions and demonstrations on proper preparation, food safety, baking procedures, and product quality and consistency, followed by hands-on banana loaf production.

The activity was conducted with the support of the Department of Agriculture (DA), TESDA, and the Local Government Unit of Liliw, under the leadership of Hon. Ildefonso Monleon, Municipal Mayor. Technical training

was provided by ADAO Learning Institute, Inc., a TESDA-accredited training institution, with Chef Macy Monnique M. Adao serving as the resource person.

DTI Laguna also provided guidance on the entrepreneurial aspects of the activity, particularly basic pricing and costing, packaging and labeling, and opportunities for transforming local agricultural products into marketable and income-generating products.

These interventions are intended to help local entrepreneurs identify opportunities to increase the value of agricultural resources through product development and enterprise creation.

Through collaborative efforts among government agencies, the LGU, training institutions, and local entrepreneurs, the activity supports DTI Laguna's efforts to promote enterprise development by helping local entrepreneurs explore opportunities to transform agricultural resources into marketable and income-generating products. (FNBGallano, DTI Laguna)

P700-M Pekeng Mga Sapatos At Tsinelas, Nasamsam ng BOC Sa Cavite



NASUKAT natin ang kahalagahan ng teknikal na kasanayan, katapatan, kahusayan sa tungkulin at pagbibigay ng proteksyon sa interes ng publiko at gobyerno ng ating mga awtoridad, partikular ang alertong tropa ng Bureau of Customs (BOC).

Gumawa na naman ng kasaysayan ang kanilang matinding pagtutungan. Kahanga-hanga. Malaking bentahe ito para sa may maayos na pamahalaan at higit sa pagpapaulad ng ekonomiya ng bansa. Saludo tayo sa kanilang malasakit at aktibong pagsisilbi sa gobyerno.

Matatandaang tuluyang sinamsam ng pinagsanib na puwersa ng Bureau of Customs (BOC),

Bacoor City sets traffic plans ahead of LRT Cavite Extension works

BACOO CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Touted to improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and cut travel time from CALABARZON to Metro Manila, the City Government of Bacoor assured that proper measures will be put in place to minimize inconvenience to the public as the construction of the LRT Cavite Extension Project continues.

In a September 17 meeting with the Light Rail Transit Authority and JGHM, Mayor Strike Revilla assured that authorities will ensure that areas surrounding the construction project will not be significantly affected.

Revilla underscored that the city government will carefully plan routes and will be in close coordination with authorities to minimize inconvenience to the riding public.

"[While] the Niog Station is being construct-

ed, proper measures will be put in place to ensure traffic flow in Niog and neighboring areas will not be significantly affected.

Careful planning and close coordination will be observed to minimize inconvenience to residents and commuters."

"The City Government remains fully committed to delivering these vital infrastructure projects."

Once completed, the Niog Station Intermodal Facility and the LRT Line South Extension will improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion, and provide modern, efficient public transportation for thousands of Bacooreños.

Expected to be completed between 2028 to 2031, the LRT Line South Extension Project will significantly improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and provide modern, efficient public transportation.

thority (LOA) at ipatupad nang binuong composite enforcement team ang agarang inspeksyon sa naturang warehouse.

Ang composite team ay kinabibilangan ng mga miyembro mula sa Intellectual Property Rights Division (IPRD), Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) Port of Batangas, CIIS Port of Manila, CIIS-MICP, Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), and Legal Service, ilang representatives ng PNP-CIDG Cavite Provincial Field Unit, PNP Imus Component City Police Station, at Philippine Coast Guard.

Pero bago nadiskubre ang ilegal na mga produkto, ikinasa ng grupo ng BOC ang operasyon kontra ismagling makaraang itimbre ng PNP-CIDG Cavite Provincial Field Unit ang intelligence information na nagsasabing may kinakalakal na imported goods na hinihinalang lumabag sa Customs and intellectual property laws, dahilan upang mag-isyu ang BOC ng Letter of Au-

batay sa initial inventory at valuation.

Lubos ang pasasalamat ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno sa CIDG at iba pang katuwang na mga ahensya dahil sa kanilang intelligence support at mahigpit na koordinasyon na nagresulta sa pagtuklas at pagkumpiska sa mga ilegal na produkto.

"Sa ngalan ng Bureau of Customs, nagpasalamat tayo sa CIDG at sa iba pa nating partner agencies sa kanilang mahalagang impormasyon at pakikipagtulungan. This shows the value of strong inter-agency cooperation in preventing illicit goods from reaching the market and protecting the interests of Filipino consumers and legitimate businesses," paglilinaw pa ni Comm. Nepomuceno.

Ang matagumpay na operasyon ay bahagi ng direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na paigtingin ang border protection, suguin ang smuggling, at isulong ang patas na kalakalan upang maprotektahan ang mga consumer at negosyante.

to Metro Manila and other neighboring areas daily.

(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from City Government of Bacoor)



Awarding of the Most Outstanding Customs Police

President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. confers the award for Most Outstanding Customs Police to then Customs Police Officer Noel Estanislao at the Ministry of Finance during the 1970s.

The photo documents the early recognition of Estanislao, who would later serve as District Collector of the Port of Subic and Director of the Bureau of Customs Enforcement and Security Service (Customs Police) under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. - Nivel



P60 NCR wage hike in full effect Sept. 26

MANILA — Approximately 1.1 million minimum wage earners in the National Capital Region (NCR) will receive a PHP60 daily wage increase as Wage Order No. NCR-28 officially takes effect on Saturday.

This was announced by Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Francis Tolentino on Saturday at the central office in Intramuros, Manila on the sidelines of the launch of TUPAD-based "Trabahong-Dagat and Blue Enterprise Development" project.

TUPAD (Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers) program is a community-based emergency employment program. "Here we have shown the significance of a tripartite mechanism where the government, the employers' groups and the employees' groups are united to promote and elevate the dignity of the Filipino worker and also show that with this unity, we can promote a sustainable economy here in the NCR," Tolentino said.

The wage order follows the established tripartite wage-setting process undertaken by the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board-NCR and confirmed by the National Wages and Productivity Commission. (PNA)

Under the wage order, the minimum wage for non-agricultural workers in the NCR increases from PHP695 to PHP755 per day.

The minimum wage for workers in agriculture, small retail and service establishments employing 15 workers or less, and small manufacturing establishments regularly employing less than 10 workers, increases from PHP658 to PHP718 per day.

Tolentino called on employers to strictly comply with the new minimum wage rates, and ensure that their payroll and compensation systems reflect the prescribed increases.

The DOLE will continue to monitor compliance with the wage order and provide guidance to workers and employers on its proper implementation, Tolentino said.

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Rosario LGU, CvSU-CCAT Hold Dialogue on Class Suspensions

Sa atas ng ating butihing Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente, isinagawa ang isang makabuluhang pakikipagdayalogo sa pagitan mga direktor at student leaders ng Cavite State University-CCAT Campus at ng Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Rosario, Cavite.

Layunin ng pagpupulong na talakayin ang binabalangkas na Executive Order ng Lokal na Pamahalaan at pakinggan ang saloobin at mungkahi ng ating mga kabataan para sa mas malinaw at maayos na mga alituntunin sa pagkansela o pagsususpinde ng klase, lalo na sa panahon ng kalamidad, at iba pang sitwasyong maaaring makaapekto sa kaligtasan ng ating mga mag-aaral at mamamayan.

Patuloy ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Rosario sa pakikipagtulungan sa mga paaralan, mga magulang at kabataan upang sama-samang makabuo ng mga hakbang na maagap, malinaw, at higit sa lahat, nakatuon sa kaligtasan at kapakanan ng Rosario.



3 PALAPAG NA SCHOOL BUILDING, TARGET NA MAIPATAYO SA CITY OF CARMONA

Personal po nating dinaluhan ang Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing Ceremony para sa mga Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) kaugnay ng implementasyon ng PAGCOR School Building Projects.

Isa po ang City of Carmona sa mga LGU beneficiary na makatanggap ng three-storey PAGCOR School Building na itatayo sa Lantic Elementary School



Ceremonial Turnover of Laptop Donations from AXEIA Development Corporation

Isang makabuluhang araw ito para sa Francisco Osorio Integrated Senior High School (FOISHS) at Osorio Elementary School (OES), sa turnover ng 50 laptop na handog ng Axeia Development Corporation upang suportahan ang edukasyon ng ating mga mag-aaral.



Dagdag serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa Bacoor at buong Southern Tagalog

Ang kalusugan ay pangunahing pangangailangan ng bawat pamilya. Para sa inyong Ate Lani, mahalaga na may malapit sa ating ospital na may sapat na pasilidad, makabagong kagamitan, at serbisyong maaasaan.

Dito sa ating rehiyon, malaki ang papel ng Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital (STRH), kung saan isinagawa natin kamakailan ang groundbreaking ng bagong Women's Center Building at ang blessing ng bagong Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), at CT Scan facilities.

Sa bisa ng Republic Act 12213, isang batas na akda ng inyong Ate Lani, itinaas ang bed capacity



Tanza LGU Strengthens Commitment to Peace and Security

Dinaluhan nina Konsehal Derek Matro, Konsehala Sheryl Lyn Langit-Gervacio, Konsehal Alexis Donnes at Konsehal Ryan Mintu ang Flag Ceremony sa Tanza Convention Center, kasama ang mga department head at kawani mula sa iba't ibang tanggapan ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Tanza. Kasunod nito, nilagdaan ng mga konsehal at mga

department head ang Recommitment to Stable Internal Peace and Security upang pagtibayin ang kanilang paninindigan na panatilihin ang kapayapaan at seguridad sa Tanza. Isinagawa ang aktibidad sa pangunguna ni Mayor Archangelo "SM" Matro, bilang bahagi ng pagsusulong ng serbisyo at malasakit para sa mga Tanzeño.



PANIMULA PARA SA MAS MAGANDANG PANGARAP

Hinandugan natin ng Livelihood Starter Kit ang 8 Imuseño para sa kanilang Paresan at Rice-in-a-Box na pagkakakitaan, sa tulong ng DOLE Cavite at Imus PESO.

Nagkakahalaga ng ₱25,000 ang bawat package, na may kasamang mga kagamitan at panimulang raw materials tulad ng bigas, karne, at aluminum kaldero.

Sana po ay magiging magandang simula ito para magkaroon kayo ng sariling pagkakakitaan at tulong para sa inyong pamilya.



Green Ladies San Lorenzo Ruiz I Chapter Holds Oath-Taking

Oath-Taking Ceremony rengo Ruiz I Chapter, held at the Conference Hall, Green Ladies Inc., San Socio-Economic Building.

