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President Marcos declares Aug. 29 special non-working day for Cavite special polls

PGC's Medical and Dental Mission Serves 477 Residents in Silang

The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on July 30, 2026, in Brgy. Malaking Tatyao, Silang, providing free medical consultations, dental services, fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, ECG tests and medicines.

Health professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and the OPG Medical Mission Team led the activity,



Comelec finishes ballot printing for Cavite special polls



MANILA – The printing of more than 400,000 official ballots for the Aug. 29 special polls for the Fourth Legislative District of Dasmarinas City in Cavite was completed on Saturday, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) said.

"Printing has been completed. We have achieved 100% completion, with a total of 447,387

PhilHealth YAKAP Caravan at BiPSU advances universal health care for every Filipino



Field Operations Division Chief Asisclo B. Militante Jr. of PhilHealth Regional Office 8 encourages members to register with their chosen YAKAP facility and complete their first patient encounter, a comprehensive health assessment that establishes an individual's health profile for future consultations and preventive care. (RSV)

DepEd lauds new law granting teaching method flexibility

Negrense cop honored for offering life to save Bantay Dagat patrollers

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DepEd...*fr pg. 1*

M...JILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Friday lauded the enactment of Republic Act 12322, which updates a provision of the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, or RA 10533, providing more flexibility in teaching methods.

This is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure quality education and uphold the teachers' welfare within the basic education system.

In a statement, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara welcomed the measure as it will open opportunities for new pedagogical approaches or strategies in teaching and learning.

"The updated provision broadly provides policy flexibility, allowing us to maintain instructional approaches that are grounded in classroom evidence and field experience," he said.

Under the amended version, Section 5, paragraph (g) of RA 10533 was updated by removing the statutory reference to "spiral progression."

Spiral progression refers to the method of revisiting concepts in subjects like Science and Mathematics across grade levels, but with increasing depth and complexity.

By removing the re-

quirement, Science and Mathematics teachers are allowed to adopt mastery-based learning or alternative methods, ensuring that learners gain understanding in foundational concepts before advancing.

"This update is about maintaining the flexibility our curriculum experts and field officers need to address learning gaps. Our focus remains on stability in our schools and ensuring our teaching strategies directly improve learner outcomes," Angara said.

Any instructional delivery tweaks, however, will be subject to review, pedagogical evidence, and practical considerations, including teacher training and supply of textbooks.

Besides these, the overall curriculum will also be subjected to review at least once every five years.

To date, the DepEd is working on the guidelines or Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to ensure its proper implementation nationwide.

Newly promoted educators

Angara, meanwhile, expressed his gratitude to thousands of educators in the Bicol region for their dedication and years of

service in teaching young Filipinos.

This comes as the education chief led the oath-taking ceremony of 5,354 newly promoted and reclassified teachers and school heads at the Camarines Sur Freedom Sports Complex.

"On behalf of President BBM, we thank you for your years—and for many of you, decades of unwavering service to our learners and their families," Angara said in a separate speech on Friday.

"Sigurado akong libo-libong kabataang Pilipino na ang inyong nabigyang-inspirasyon. Saludo kami sa inyong dedikasyon, sakripisyo, at walang sawang paglilingkod sa ating bayan (I am sure that you have given inspiration to thousands of Filipino learners. We honor your dedication, sacrifices, and unwavering service for our nation)," he added.

Under the Expanded Career Progression (ECP) System pursuant to Executive Order No. 174, s. 2022 and Department of Education Order No. 034, s. 2025, an intensified nationwide promotion and reclassification campaign is being advanced to ensure much-deserved appointments among qualified public school educators.

Angara said the DepEd has processed

about 82,000 teacher promotions this year, with several thousand more expected to be completed next.

He said the ECP addresses the long-standing backlog in teacher promotions, noting that many educators had remained in Teacher I positions for years before seeking better opportunities abroad.

"Before the ECP, many teachers stayed as Teacher I for 10 years without promotion. Many accepted teaching jobs in Thailand, Cambodia, and Indonesia," he said.

Angara also said the department has strictly enforced the Anti-Bullying Act and the hiring of 10,000 School Counselor Associates (SCAs) to strengthen learner support in public schools.

He said the DepEd has been unable to fill many guidance counselor positions because of stringent qualification requirements despite having available funding.

Under a new law, the SCAs, who have backgrounds in psychology, counseling or behavioral science, will help identify learners needing guidance, provide counseling support, and coordinate with parents when necessary.

"Sometimes, the problem is not in school but at home," he said.

Angara also led the ceremonial turnover of lapel microphones to the educators. The distribution forms part of the DepEd's immediate teacher support measures aimed at reducing vocal strain during daily instruction.

He also clarified that the lapels distributed to teachers were funded through the Office of the President as assistance from President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

He said the initiative was prompted by reports that some teachers lose their voices after teaching for more than six hours a day, while others have developed throat-related illnesses.

"The devices will

help teachers avoid losing their voices so they can continue teaching effectively and still communicate with their children and families when they return home," he said.

He also said the department's proposed 2027 budget, twice this year's allocation, would support record-high teacher promotions, classroom construction, tutorials for 45,900 public schools nationwide, and the school feeding program.

The initiative fulfills President Marcos' SONA directives to prioritize teacher health and welfare while providing modern teaching tools. News school buildings

Besides the mass oath-taking of public school educators, Angara also led the inauguration of three new facilities with 48 classrooms at the Marcial O. Rañola Memorial School (MORMS).

The delivery of the three school buildings seeks to address the three-shift class arrangement in the said school, benefitting 6,977 Junior and Senior High School learners.

This means all Grades 7 to 12 learners can attend classes using regular and full-day class hours.

Before the turnover, the MORMS is implementing morning, afternoon, and regular shift schedules for the growing school population.

Angara emphasized that the Marcos administration's priority is to improve education infrastructure through active collaboration with various agencies and local government.

"Through our partnerships with [local government units], provincial governments, and the private sector, we will continue to provide more conducive and appropriate learning spaces for our learners," he said.

Meanwhile, 3rd District Rep. Adrian Salceda congratulated the MORMS administration, teachers, and students on the additional classrooms, which

he said were made possible through the support of the DepEd leadership.

"Every new classroom that we open is an investment not only in our children but also in the community here in the 3rd District," Salceda said.

Salceda also cited House Resolution 470, which he filed to clarify requirements for unsolicited private partnerships and facilitate the implementation of classroom projects.

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Bernie Despabiladero said the project was funded under the 2024 Basic Education Facilities Fund (BEFF), with a total project cost of PHP150 million.

"Now with these 48 classrooms, this would really give a very big help. Through these classrooms, the three shifts will now become just one shift," she said.

She expressed gratitude to the DepEd Central Office and Secretary Angara for addressing MORMS' needs, saying the project is a good example of collaboration between national government agencies and local government units.

She also acknowledged Ako Bicol Rep. Alfredo Garbin Jr. for their efforts in helping realize the project.

For her part, MORMS Principal Alicia Lim thanked President Marcos for the implementation of the 2024 BEFF project, saying the additional classrooms would greatly benefit the entire school community.

She also thanked the President for providing the school with a Toyota Innova mobile vehicle.

"We humbly accept these 48 classrooms with a profound sense of responsibility. We would take good care of these facilities," Lim said.

Lim expressed hope that the school would receive additional classrooms in the future to further reduce class sizes and provide more conducive learning spaces for students. (PNA)

President...*fr pg. 1*

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has declared August 29 a special non-working day in the Fourth Legislative District of Cavite to enable registered voters to participate in the special election to fill a vacant seat in the House of Representatives.

Marcos made the declaration through Proclamation No. 1369, dated July 29.

The special non-working day covers the Fourth Legislative District of Cavite, comprising Dasmariñas City, where the special election will be held following the expulsion of the district's incumbent representative.

The proclamation cited Republic Act No. 6645, as amended by Republic Act No. 7166, which requires the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to call and conduct a special election when a permanent vacancy occurs in the House of Representatives at least one year before the expiration of the term.

The election must be held not earlier than 60 days nor later than 90 days from the occurrence of the vacancy.

To ensure that voters can fully exercise their right to suffrage, the President declared August 29, which falls on a Saturday, a special non-working day in the affected district.

The President also declared holidays in 15 other areas in the country

this month to allow residents to celebrate their respective founding anniversaries and festivals.

Proclamation No. 1368 declared August 17 a special non-working day in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, to mark the celebration of the Pavvurulun Afi Festival on August 16, which falls on a Sunday.

To enable the people of the City of Tuguegarao to fully participate in the occasion, the Office of the Mayor requested that August 17, Monday, be declared as a special non-working day in lieu of August 16.

Proclamation No. 1371 designated August 7 a special non-working day in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, to mark the celebration of its town fiesta.

Under Proclamation No. 1372, the President also declared August 14 a special non-working day in Davao City in observance of the annual Kadayawan Festival and Indigenous Peoples Day, celebrated every third week of August.

Also on August 19, Proclamation No. 1379 declared a special non-working day in Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya, in celebration of

the annual Kasibu Festival. Under Proclamation No. 1380, the President also declared August 19 a special non-working day in Angono, Rizal, to commemorate its independence as a municipality from Binangonan, Rizal.

Meanwhile, Proclamation No. 1381 declared August 20 a special non-working day in Gasan, Marinduque, in celebration of its 417th founding anniversary.

Under Proclamation No. 1382, Marcos declared August 29 a special non-working day in Danggacan, Bukidnon, for its founding anniversary.

Through Proclamation No. 1383, Marcos also declared August 7 a special non-working day in Rosario, La Union, in celebration of its founding anniversary.

Under Proclamation No. 1384, the President declared August 13 a special non-working day in Bombon, Camarines Sur, also in celebration of its founding anniversary.

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official ballots," Comelec Chairperson George Garcia said in a statement. "The next things to do are sheeting, cutting, and stitching," he added.

The printing began on Friday at the National Printing Office in Quezon City.

The special polls will be held to fill the vacancy left by Francisco Barzaga Jr., who was removed from office in June due to "dis-

orderly behavior, conduct unbecoming of a member, and violations of the House [of Representatives] Code of Conduct."

Five candidates are running for the vacant congressional seat, namely Raul Rex Mangubat, Marvin Dupal-ag, Leysander Ordenes, Jacinto Frani Jr., and Barzaga's mother, incumbent Dasmariñas City Mayor Jennifer Barzaga. (PNA)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”
Proverbs 3:5



DSWD livelihood aid helps Batac market vendors rebuild after devastating fire



Negrense...fr pg. 1

BACOLOD CITY — Tributes have poured in for Master Sgt. Fernando Marfa Jr., who died while rescuing two Bantay Dagat patrollers in Cadiz City, Negros Occidental on Friday.

Mayor Salvador Escalante Jr. led Cadiznons in mourning the death of Marfa, calling him a hero for sacrificing his life in the line of duty.

"The city government will extend assistance to the Marfa family," the mayor said in a statement on Saturday.

The 40-year-old police officer's remains will be brought to his family home at Cadiz Heights in Barangay Tinampa-an on Saturday afternoon.

Marfa, who had served in the Philippine National Police (PNP) for 15 years, is the younger brother of Jejanfer Marfa, the missing crew member of the Singapore-flagged bulk carrier M/V Devon Bay, which capsized within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone last January.

Late Friday morning, the Bantay Dagat team was crossing the river along Sitio Bisan, Barangay Luna when water entered the motorboat, prompting the team to disembark.

Two civilians, identified as Alnaven Rull and Elmer Terencio Jr., were swept away by the powerful current, and Marfa

quickly went to rescue them.

Marfa, however, was carried downstream and went missing. He was found after an hour of search operation and was declared dead on arrival at the Cadiz District Hospital.

In a separate statement, the Police Regional Office - Negros Island Region (PRO-NIR) said Marfa, a deputized member of the Cadiz City Bantay Dagat, "made the ultimate sacrifice" in his efforts to save the two personnel during an official seaborne patrol operation.

"His selfless courage, unwavering dedication to duty, and steadfast commitment to public service exemplified the highest ideals of the PNP. We stand with the bereaved family in this time of pro-

found grief and honor the life of a police officer who embodied courage, honor, and selfless service," PRO-NIR Director Brig. Gen. Romano Cardifio said.

The PSI Sigma PHI Fraternity and Sorority Negros Council also mourned the loss of Marfa, whom they described as the group's strong pillar in northern Negros.

Marfa is the third police officer in Negros Island Region who lost his life in the line of duty this year.

In May, Master Sgt. Davy Carampatana, 38, was fatally stabbed by a drug suspect during a buy-bust in La Castellana, Negros Occidental.

In April, Master Sgt. Romulo Galvez Jr., 43, was shot during an anti-drug operation in Bacolod City. (PNA)



HERO COP. Master Sgt. Fernando Marfa Jr., 40, died while rescuing two Bantay Dagat patrollers in Cadiz City, Negros Occidental on Friday (Aug. 7, 2026). The Police Regional Office - Negros Island Region honored his selfless courage, unwavering dedication to duty, and steadfast commitment to public service that exemplify the highest ideals of the Philippine National Police. (Photo courtesy of PRO-NIR)

BATAC CITY, Ilocos Norte (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), together with the Batac City government and other national government agencies, is helping vendors affected by the Batac Public Market fire rebuild their livelihoods through financial, livelihood, and employment assistance, reinforcing the government's commitment to helping disaster-hit communities recover beyond immediate relief.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the distribution of livelihood assistance under the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) on Aug. 7 as part of the government's continuing rehabilitation efforts following the July 5 fire that gutted major portions of the Batac Public Market, including the Main Market Building, Imee Building, and Carinderia Section.

The fire affected 129 stallholders and 135 market workers and helpers, causing an estimated P161.03 million in infrastructure damage.

The following day, the Sangguniang Panlungsod declared a state of calamity to expedite relief and rehabilitation efforts.

According to DSWD Field Office 1 Regional Director Marie Angela S. Gopalan, the livelihood grant builds on the immediate relief and financial assistance previously provided to affected families and aims to help them restore their sources of income.

"This activity is the provision of livelihood assistance to the stall owners affected by the Batac Public Market fire. This is on top of the other assistance already extended by the DSWD, such as family food packs and financial assistance," Gopalan said.

Under the Sustainable Livelihood Program, 128 individual stall owners will each receive P20,000 in seed capital, while one registered association composed of 18 members

will receive P30,000 per member to help restart and expand their businesses.

The SLP complements the government's disaster response by providing seed capital that enables beneficiaries to restore income-generating activities and rebuild their livelihoods after the disaster.

Following the fire, DSWD immediately distributed family food packs and six liters of drinking water to all affected stallholders and workers.

Through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), qualified stall owners also received financial assistance of up to P20,000, while affected workers received up to P15,000, depending on their eligibility.

The Batac City government, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, the Office of Ilocos Norte First District Representative Angelo Marcos Barba, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the Department of Labor and Employment, civic organizations, private groups, and individual donors likewise provided food, financial aid, livelihood, and employment assistance to support the recovery of affected families.

For beneficiary Nerlita Yadao of Barangay Baoa West, whose association lost more than P70,000 worth of merchandise in the fire, the

SLP grant offers an opportunity to rebuild not only their business but also the livelihood of its members.

"After the fire, it was very difficult for us to start over. We are grateful to the DSWD for this Sustainable Livelihood Program because it gives us another chance to rebuild our business and help our fellow members earn a living again," Yadao said.

She added that the program will help restore their source of income while enabling them to support their families and sustain their children's education.

Yadao also expressed gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the continued government support.

"We thank President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. because this assistance will help us rise again. We hope to grow our livelihood so we can better support our families and our members," she said.

The City Government of Batac said rehabilitation efforts remain ongoing, with national government agencies, local government units, elected officials, and private partners continuing to coordinate financial assistance, livelihood support, and employment interventions to help vendors and workers recover and revive economic activity at the Batac Public Market. (AMB/MTDA, PIA Ilocos Norte)



PhilHealth ...fr pg. 1

NAVAL, Biliran (PIA) — For many students, leaving campus to visit a health center is often difficult amid academic demands. For employees, balancing work responsibilities with healthcare appointments can be equally challenging.

Recognizing these realities, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) brought its services directly to Biliran Province State University (BiPSU) through the PhilHealth YAKAP Caravan, transforming the university gymnasium into a one-stop center for healthcare information, registration, consultations, and primary care services.

The activity demonstrated how Universal Health Care becomes more meaningful when government services are delivered where people learn and work.

More than simply providing information, the caravan enabled students and employees to register for the YAKAP Program, update their PhilHealth records, select their preferred YAKAP facilities, undergo consultations, access laboratory services, and learn about the GAMOT Program, which provides eligible members with access to prescribed medicines with no out-of-pocket costs.

The initiative reflects PhilHealth's continuing efforts to strengthen preventive and primary healthcare across communities, in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s call during his 2026 State of the Nation Address (SONA) to expand access to quality healthcare and reinforce preventive healthcare services under the country's Universal Health Care Program.

For BiPSU President Victor C. Cañez Jr., the significance of the caravan extends beyond healthcare services—it reinforces the University's commitment to the well-being of every member of its academic community.

"A university is expected to cultivate knowl-

edge, advance research, and prepare its students for the professions they will eventually enter. However, none of these responsibilities can be fully achieved when the health and well-being of the members of the academic community are overlooked," Cañez said during the opening program.

According to Cañez, healthy students are better equipped to participate actively in learning, while healthy employees can perform their responsibilities effectively in service of the University's stakeholders.

He emphasized that the University's "Weaving of Worthiness" philosophy is reflected not only in academic excellence but also in ensuring that students and employees are informed, protected, and supported through partnerships that improve access to essential public services.

On behalf of the University, he expressed gratitude to the PhilHealth Naval Local Health Insurance Office for bringing the program to BiPSU and for making healthcare services more accessible to the campus community.

For Ma. Eva E. Aguilon, PhilHealth-Naval Local Health Insurance Office head, bringing the caravan to BiPSU addressed a practical challenge faced by many students and employees.

She explained that students often come from different municipalities and stay near the university during the school year, making it difficult for them to participate in information drives conducted in their hometowns or visit rural health units during regular office hours. Likewise, employees have limited opportunities to leave work to process PhilHealth transactions.

"That is why we made it possible today to bring the services here," Aguilon said, emphasizing that the caravan allows beneficiaries to access PhilHealth services with-

out disrupting their academic or work schedules.

She also noted that aside from PhilHealth personnel, the activity gathered healthcare partners, including the Naval Rural Health Unit and Naval Doctors Clinic, providing consultations and selected laboratory services. Accredited pharmacies also participated to facilitate access to medicines under PhilHealth's GAMOT Program.

The YAKAP Caravan is part of PhilHealth's campaign to strengthen primary healthcare by encouraging members to register with their chosen YAKAP facility and complete their first patient encounter—a comprehensive health assessment that establishes an individual's health profile for future consultations and preventive care.

According to Asiscl B. Militante Jr., chief of the Field Operations Division of PhilHealth 8, their office continues to expand the implementation of the program across Eastern Visayas through institutional partnerships and community caravans.

He shared that as of June 2026, more than 1.47

million or 73 percent have been registered under the program out of the 2.01 million target this year.

For the first patient encounter (FPE), the target is 670,117, with an accomplishment of 299,276 as of June, representing 44 percent of the target. Militante added that the region continues to increase enrollment through similar activities conducted in schools, government offices, and workplaces.

Militante explained that every Filipino should have a PhilHealth number, choose an accredited YAKAP facility, and complete the first patient encounter where healthcare professionals record vital health information, assess health risks, recommend laboratory tests when necessary, and prescribe medicines covered under the program.

He added that Biliran Province currently has 10 accredited YAKAP facilities and five accredited GAMOT facilities, allowing members to receive continuing primary healthcare and access covered medicines closer to their communities.

"The program is

meant for all Filipinos," Militante said. "Whether you are healthy or already managing a medical condition, it is important to establish your health profile because preventive care helps identify health concerns before they become serious illnesses."

For students like Natsume J. Tomita, a second-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing student, the caravan deepened her understanding of the practical value of PhilHealth membership.

She shared that emergencies can happen unexpectedly, making health insurance an essential source of financial protection for families.

Recalling the experience of a child who required emergency heart surgery, Tomita said PhilHealth benefits could significantly reduce hospitalization expenses and ease the financial burden on families facing life-threatening medical situations.

"As a nursing student, I realized how important PhilHealth is because we never know when emergencies will happen," she said. "It can greatly help patients and their families during difficult

times."

More than a campus activity, the PhilHealth YAKAP Caravan at Biliran Province State University illustrated how bringing healthcare services directly to schools helps bridge information gaps, encourages preventive healthcare, and expands access to essential government programs.

As PhilHealth continues to roll out YAKAP caravans across Eastern Visayas, the initiative demonstrates how collaboration between educational institutions, healthcare providers, and government agencies can make Universal Health Care more accessible and responsive to the everyday needs of Filipinos.

By bringing registration, consultations, health profiling, medicines, and information directly to communities, the YAKAP Caravan embodies the government's continuing commitment to ensuring that quality healthcare is not limited by geography, schedule, or circumstance—bringing the vision of Universal Health Care closer to every Filipino, one community at a time. (RSV/PIA Biliran)

TRB approves toll collection for CALAX Subsection 3

After providing toll-free access for three (3) months, the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the start of toll collection for the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, covering Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive in General Trias, effective August 9, 2026.

Since its opening on May 4, 2026, the new segment has provided free passage to almost 9,000 motorists daily, offering a more convenient and efficient travel option for residents, workers, students, and businesses in Cavite.

The 7.88-kilometer CALAX Subsection 3 was built to provide a faster alternative route for commuters and businesses, bypassing heavily congested local roads along

Cavite's growing industrial and residential corridors.

Starting August 9, motorists using the CALAX Subsection 3 from Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange to Governor's Drive will be charged the following rates: P35 for Class 1, P70 for Class 2, and P106 for Class 3 vehicles.

Meanwhile, the following toll rates will apply for motorists traveling from Governor's Drive in General Trias, Cavite, and going straight to Greenfield in Laguna: P117 for Class 1, P234 for Class 2, and P351 for Class 3 vehicles.

The opening of CALAX Subsection 3 brings the operational length of CALAX to 26 kilometers, starting from the Greenfield-Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna. Once

fully completed, the entire expressway network is projected to serve up to 65,000 vehicles per day, strengthening regional connectivity and supporting the movement of people, goods, and services across Cavite, Laguna, and Southern Metro Ma-

nila.

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serving a total of 477 patients. Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) provided valuable assistance in ensuring the smooth delivery of services. Also present during the mission was 5th District Board Mem-

Cavite LGUs brace for STY Inday, Habagat

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Local government units in Cavite Province have started their preparations for the onslaught of Super Typhoon Inday.

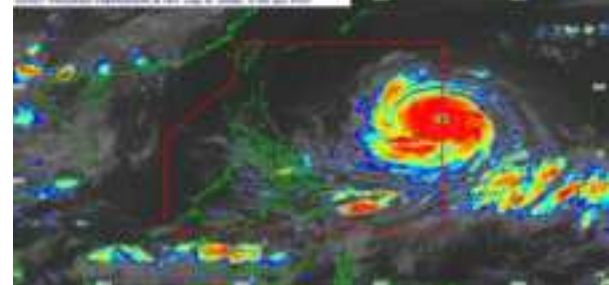
The Ternate Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) led an Emergency Preparedness Meeting last July 8. Joined by representatives from the municipal government, Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Marines, Department of Education, Department of the Interior

and Local Government, as well as members of the Sangguniang Bayan to discuss contingency plans and coordination to ensure the safety of residents.

Despite the low possibility of being hit by the super typhoon, the Tanza Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office also led a Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) to determine the preparedness and safety of the municipality. Likewise, the BFP, PNP, Maritime Police, and the DILG will work alongside the municipal Agriculture and Engineering Offices to ensure the safety of key infrastructure and communities.

The Tanza MDRRMO warned that the continuous rain may result to landslides, tsunami and flooding in the coastal town.

Likewise, the City Government of General



ber Ivee Jayne Reyes. The mission reflects the Provincial Government's continued commitment to bringing accessible health-care services closer to Caviteños.—OPIO

Trias has also convened its City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) for an emergency preparedness meeting. In its preparation, the General Trias CDRRMO noted that they will prioritize providing safe evacuation centers, food, and medical support.

The city government will also mobilize its rescue teams and ambulance for faster emergency response, while libreng sakay teams were also being mobilized in case 'Inday' disrupts public transport in the city.

Meanwhile, the BFP Alfonso held a coordination meeting with key officials to prepare for the potential effects of 'Inday' in an effort to facilitate timely information sharing, assess the municipalities readiness, and ensure the preparedness of emergency responders and other resources. As of July 8, the CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) reported that Super Typhoon Inday was estimated at 1,270 km east of Northern Luzon, with the southwest monsoon expected to bring heavy rains in Zambales, Bataan, Metro Manila, Cavite, Batangas, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Palawan, Iloilo, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Zamboanga del Sur, and Lanao del Norte. (PB-PIA Cavite, with reports from LGU LDRRMO pages, CALABARZON RDRRMC)

MGB warns of landslide, flood risks amid heavy rains

MANILA — The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has identified areas across the country as susceptible to rain-induced landslides and flooding, as Tropical Storm Maymay (international name Kujira) intensified and threatened to bring heavy rains in the coming days.

In a social media post Wednesday, the MGB identified 8,891 barangays nationwide, urging affected residents to remain on alert.

Of the total number of barangays identified, the MGB said Region 1 (Ilocos Region) has the highest number of susceptible barangays with 3,104, followed by Region 3 (Central Luzon) with 2,154 and the National Capital Region (NCR) with 1,403.

Also included are the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) with 1,005, Region 2 with 486,

Calabarzon with 473, Mi-maropa with 145, and Region 6 or Western Visayas with 121.

"Based on the latest DOST-PAGASA (Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration) 72-hour rainfall forecast, residents in listed areas and those nearby or downstream are urged to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions," the MGB post read.

The bureau said the assessment risk is valid from Aug. 5 to 8, 8 a.m., warning that residents living in the identified barangays, as well as those in nearby and downstream communities, should closely monitor weather updates and prepare for possible flooding and landslides.

It also urged the public to continue monitoring official advisories, particularly as weather conditions associated with TS

Maymay evolve.

In its Tropical Cyclone bulletin issued at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, PAGASA said TS Maymay slightly intensified as it moved slowly and erratically over the sea west of Ilocos Sur, with maximum sustained winds of 75 kilometers per hour (kph) and gusts of up to 90 kph.

It is expected to make landfall over Ilocos Sur or La Union by



LANDSLIDE WARNING. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) on Wednesday (Aug 5, 2026) identifies 8,891 barangays nationwide as susceptible to rain-induced landslides and flooding from Aug. 5 to 8 based on PAGASA's latest 72-hour rainfall forecast, as Tropical Storm Maymay threatens to bring heavy rains. The bureau urged residents in affected, nearby, and downstream communities to remain vigilant, follow official advisories, and take necessary precautions. (Photo courtesy of MGB)

abatement is to help these taxpayers clean up their records with the BIR and give them a chance to start again. We understand that many of them were affected by the pandemic and economic challenges, so this program seeks to ease their burden," he added.

Additionally, the bureau welcomes the recent pronouncement by the President during his State of the Nation Address that seeks to increase the annual income tax exemption threshold from P250,000 to P350,000, saying the measure would provide meaningful financial relief and an increase to the take-home pay of low and middle-income earners.

"We fully support that. We also know that if people have more take-home pay, they will spend it on goods and services, which in turn generates consumption taxes that contribute to government revenues," Mendoza said.

For Rowena Pamonag, a property own-

Wednesday evening or early Thursday, before crossing northern and central Luzon. It is forecast to weaken into a tropical depression by Thursday morning.

Residents may also check the complete list of barangays identified as susceptible to rain-induced landslides and flooding through the MGB website and social media pages. (PNA)

er from Cabuyao City, the proposed income tax reform would provide much-needed support for small entrepreneurs and workers struggling with rising daily expenses.

"It's a better option because it's truly helpful especially for small businesses like sari-sari stores since they won't immediately be burdened with taxes; it makes a huge difference," she said.

Beyond the economic benefits, Mendoza said both one-time tax abatement and income tax exemption reflect the administration's commitment to helping marginalized sectors and easing the financial burden faced by ordinary Filipinos amid rising living costs and economic uncertainties.

Mendoza added, "More than revenue considerations, the President has emphasized the need to help our marginalized countrymen and we fully support that objective." (AM/PIA CALABARZON)

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ZERO BALANCE BILLING AT MODERNISASYON NG OSPITAL, SENTRO NG PAGBISITA NI PBBM AT DOH SECRETARY PUJALTE

Mga katoto, sadyang karapat-dapat lamang na mapusuang italaga ng butiHING Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. si katotONG Dr. Jose Brittanio "Brix" Pujalte Jr. bilang Acting Secretary ng Department of Health (DOH), matapos ang ilang dekadang paglilingkod nito bilang Hospital Director ng Philippine Orthopedic Center.

Sa mahabang panahon ng kanyang pan-unungkulan, ipinamalas ni Dr. Pujalte ang malasakit, dedikasyon at sakripisyo sa paglilingkod sa mga Pilipinong nangangailangan ng serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Ipinagpatuloy rin niya ang hindi matatawaring paglilingkod at alaala ng kanyang yumaong ama na si Dr. Jose Pujalte Sr., na nagsilbi rin bilang Hospital Director ng Philippine Orthopedic Center (POC) noong panahon ng yumaong Pangulong Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr.

Personal na bumisita, mga katoto, ang butiHING Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. kasama si Acting DOH Secretary Dr. Jose S. Pujalte Jr. sa Davao de Oro Provincial Hospital sa Monte Vista upang tiyakin ang patuloy na pagpapabuti ng serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa mga mamamayan ng lalawigan.

Isa sa mga pangunahing layunin ng pagbisita ang pagpapatupad ng Zero Balance Billing, isang programa na nagbibigay ng pagkakataon sa mga kuwalipikadong pasyente na makatanggap ng kinakailangang serbisyong medikal nang walang babayarang gastusin sa ospital, alinsunod

sa mga umiiral na patakaran at kwalipikasyon.

Bilang suporta sa patuloy na pagpapalakas ng serbisyong pangkalusugan sa lalawigan, naglaan din si Pangulong Marcos ng P147.9 milyon para sa Davao de Oro Provincial Hospital. Inaasahang magagamit ang pondo para sa pagpapabuti at pagpapalawak ng mga pasilidad, pagbili ng mga kinakailangang kagamitang medikal, at pagpapalakas ng kakayahan ng ospital na tugunan ang pang-araw-araw na pangangailang pangkalusugan ng mga residente.

Personal ding inanusyo ng Pangulo at ng Acting DOH Secretary ang mga kasalukuyang progreso at pagpapahusay sa ospital, kabilang ang mga bagong hakbang na inaasahang makatutulong sa pagpapalawak ng kapasidad nito at sa pagpapatupad ng mas episyente at mas maayos na serbisyong medikal sa lalawigan.

Sinuri rin nila ang kahandaan ng emergency healthcare operations upang matiyak ang mabilis, organisado at sapat na pagtugon sa oras ng sakuna, kalamidad at iba pang health emergencies. Mahalaga ang ganitong paghahanda upang matiyak na may sapat na pasilidad, kagamitan at tauhan na maaaring kumilos agad kapag nangangailangan ang mga mamamayan.

Ang pagsisikap na ito, mga katoto, ay naaayon sa direktiba ng Pangulo para sa pagkakaroon ng mas matatag at matibay na imprastraktura at sistemang pangkalusugan. Binigyang-diin din niya sa kanyang lka-

limang State of the Nation Address (SONA) ang kahalagahan ng maagap na paghahanda sa mga sakuna at kalamidad:

"At dahil mayroon tayong konsepto ng State of Imminent Disaster, hindi na natin hinihintay na mangyari ang sakuna. Aagapan natin ang paghahanda at pagtugon."

Sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pamumuhunan sa mga ospital, kagamitan, pasilidad at serbisyong medikal, layunin ng pamahalaan na mapalapat sa mga mamamayan ang kinakailangang serbisyong pangkalusugan, lalo na sa mga lugar na nangangailangan ng dagdag na suporta at kapasidad.



Matinding kagalakan ang ipinadama at ipinamalas ng mga opisyal at kawani sa pagsalubong kina katotONG Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (kaliwa) at katotONG DOH Secretary Dr. Brix Puhalte Jr. (kanan) sa Davao de Oro Provincial Hospital. Pasky Natividad

GREETINGS

Special greetings and sincere gratitude to the President and CEO, Mr. Joseph "buddy" Madrigal and Chairman, Mr. Jefferson Cheng and also thanks to Special Assistant to the Chairman, Ms. Shirley Raniedo for your continued support kindness, thank you very much! Hi katotONG DR. SIEGFRED "YEYE" L MANAOIS, isang taong tunay na may malasakit at sadyang ipinamalas ang sakripisyo bilang lingkod bayan, kung saan sadyang kapuripuri ang kapag nangangailangan ang mga mamamayan.

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Bahagi ang pagbisitang ito, mga katoto, ng patuloy na pagsubaybay sa mga programa at proyekto ng pamahalaan na naglalayong magbigay ng de-kalidad, abot-kaya at madaling maabot na serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa bawat Pilipino.

Sa pamumuno nina Pangulong Marcos at Acting DOH Secretary Dr. Pujalte, inaasahang magpapatuloy ang mga hakbang tungo sa pagpapalakas ng healthcare system, pagpapahusay ng mga pamublikong ospital at pagtiyak na ang bawat Pilipino ay may sapat na pagkakataong makatanggap ng kinakailangang serbisyong medikal.

Palibhasa'y mabait at mapagpakumbaba walang makitang yabang at matulungin sa kapuwa kung kayat respektado ng marami at hinahangaan sa angking talinong taglay, bilang patunay mga katoto si katotONG Dan ay umani na rin ng ibat ibang parangal bunga ng kakayanan ito sa bawat deprimiento nitong pinanggalingan

Hi to byuting Atty. Edith Napalan Chief City Treasurer's Office of Bacoor City Province of Cavite, and Asst. Chief Carol Marges, same as their Staff Ma. Florentina, Roselyn, & Chistina. God bless u more mga katoto!!! Hi to Atty. Marites Tamayo Register of Deeds (RD) & R D examiner Darwin Bantiles of Bacoor City province of Cavite!

Hi to MANILA HEALTH DEPARTMENT Head & concurrent OMMC Hospital Director DRA. GRACE PADILLA! Hi to MHD Dr. Creselda Corozza- Head District 1 Officer, District 1 Manila. Hi & congrats to newly appointed Department of Health (DOH) SECRETARY BRIX PULHATE JR! na nagmana sa ama nitong si Dr. Pulhate Sr. na nagiwan ng isang di matatawarang alaala sa Philippine Orthopedic

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Hi to BIR Commissioner Carlito Martin Mendoza and BIR Deputy Commissioner Vener Vaquiran! God bless you more mga katoto!!!

Hi to Atty. Rosario M, Padilla Chief BIR Collection Department! God bless you more katoto!

Hi to BIR Chief of Staff Ms. Bianca Hernandez and Ms. Angel of DepCom Vaquiran's Office! God bless you more mga katoto Congrats sa remodeling and renovation of UNO SEAFOOD WHARF PALACE INC. sa Escolta Manila, kung saan malinis,

masarap na lutong pagkain at mura pa, hanapin niyo ang masisipag at mabait na sila katotONG MANAGER ERICK, WALTER ang byuting SUSAN at JOAN kabilang na ang mga pोगing waiter at mga byuting waitress, sa itsura palang nila busog na kayo sa ganda!!! Hehehe! Ayos ba mga katoto, dapat pa bang imemorize yan mga katoto!!!

Usaping DABAKARDS lalo na sa mga kalapit na tanggapan sa paligid ng Intramuros!! Mga Katoto, kung nais niyong masarap na Lutong Pinoy na tsibug. Mag- aliw at mag relax habang nakikinig ng live acoustic at folk songs mag tungo sa I-TOP VIEW CAFÉ & RESTAURANT 4th floor, Roof Deck Intramall Bldg. 706 Escuela st. Intamuros , Manila. Lets eat , enjoy, and relax.

At sa lahat ng mga katoto, kaibigan at kasamahan na patuloy na nagbibigay ng suporta at malasakit, maraming salamat sa inyong kabutihan at pakikipagkaibigan. Nawa'y patuloy tayong magtutungan at magbigay ng serbisyo para sa kapwa at bayan. Mabuhay kayong lahat, mga katoto! God bless you more!