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Calabarzon workers get a boost as 2nd tranche of wage hike takes effect



Photo courtesy of PIA

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Private workers across Calabarzon are now set to fully benefit from the wage hike approved by the regional wage board last year, as the second tranche of the increase takes effect.

With the latest

adjustment, workers in the non-agriculture sector in component cities and first-class municipalities will receive an additional ₱20, raising their daily minimum wage from ₱520 to ₱540.

Meanwhile, non-agriculture workers in fourth, fifth, and sixth-class municipalities will receive a 3 percent increase. *Continued on page 3...*

PAGASA: Warm, humid weather seen throughout Holy Week

By Ma. Cristina Arayata

MANILA – Warm and humid weather will prevail across the country throughout the Holy Week, the weather bureau said on April 14.

From Wednesday to Sunday, the "whole archipelago will experience warm and humid conditions, with the possibility of localized rain showers or thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening due to... *Continued on page 3...*



(PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

4 high-value targets yield P3.4-M shabu in Cavite

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) agents arrested four high-value individuals and seized more than PHP4.7 million worth of shabu in a sting operation in Cavite province.

In a statement Sunday, PDEA said the suspects, identified as alias Kumar, 34; Samiha, 33; Aisah, 21; and Alaisah, 19, were arrested at the parking lot of a mall in Barangay Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite on Saturday afternoon.

Seized from the suspects were 700 grams of suspected shabu worth PHP4.7 million and the buy-bust

money.

The pieces of evidence have been submitted to the PDEA laboratory for chemical analysis and proper disposition.

The suspects are detained at the local PDEA facility and would face charges for violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.

During his third State of the Nation Address in July last year, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. pledged to continue the bloodless anti-narcotics drive, emphasizing that extermination is not a part of his administration's campaign. (PNA)

DepEd lauds private groups for giving tablets, Starlink internet kits

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Monday lauded the private sector for donating computer tablets and Starlink internet devices to select remote schools in Cebu.

This came after the

DepEd partnered with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), iACADEMY, and Republic Asia under the Pay IT Forward: A Digital Transformation Advocacy initiative.

DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara said the

initiative makes digital tools accessible to learners in underserved areas.

"Our partners are not just helping us implement projects. They're helping us solve deeply rooted challenges. Through this effort, we are reaching the most remote... *Continued on page 3...*

CHED: Delivery of free higher education in PH 'on track'



FREE HIGHER EDUCATION. College students apply for scholarships in this undated photo. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Monday (April 14, 2025) said the delivery of free higher education in the country remains on track with adequate support from the national government. (File photo courtesy of Bacolod City PIO)

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The delivery of free higher education in the Philippines remains on track through the Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act

(UniFAST), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) said April 14. This comes after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. approved the recommendations of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

to augment the CHED's funding for the continuous delivery of free higher education in local colleges and universities (LUCs), in line with the implementation of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act.

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immaculate white but we're on the way under the current administration," she stressed.

The Palace official said Marcos disapproves of divisive political campaigning and urged the public to be

wary of fake news.

"Maging mapanuri, huwag magpaloko sa mga sinasabi ng iilang campaign ads. Alamin ang katotohanan, iwasan ang fake news. Dignidad mo, boto (Be

vigilant, don't be swayed by mere campaign ads. Know the truth, avoid fake news. Your vote, your dignity)," Castro said, quoting a recent public information campaign of the Presidential Communications Office. (PNA)



DARK ERA. The administration of Rodrigo Duterte placed the country in a "black" state, Palace Press Officer Claire Castro says Tuesday (April 15, 2025). It was a response to the political advertisement of Vice President Sara Duterte and presidential sister Senator Imee Marcos that described black as the current color of the country due to crime, injustice and various national problems. (File photo)

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Director Sonia Bea Wee-Lozada said in a show cause order to Anarna.

Section 3 of the resolution says any person who, directly or indirectly, commits acts of bullying based on human immunodeficiency virus status, coercion, discrimination against women, discrimination against persons with disabilities (PWDs) on the use of public accommodations, gender-based harassment, labeling, public ridicule against PWDs, vilification of PWDs, violation of an anti-discrimination ordinance, and/or violation

of rights to religious, cultural sites, and ceremonies shall be liable for an election offense under Section 13 of Republic Act 9006 and Section 261 (e) of the Omnibus Election Code (OEC) and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

Those found guilty of committing an election offense face up to six years imprisonment, according to the OEC.

The poll body also flagged Anarna's remarks saying an elderly woman made sexual advances on him.

"Kanina di ko na mabilang kung ilan ang

kumurot sa pwet ko. Meron pa kanina si Lola. Alam niyo, first time nangyari to sa kampanya. Si lola nilaplap pa ako (I cannot recall how many people pinched my butt. Here is this old woman. You know, this happened for the first time during my campaign. This old woman kissed me torridly)," he said.

Anarna was given three days by the poll body to answer why he should not be charged for an election offense or disqualified over these acts.

MisOr gov: Remarks done in 'good faith'

Meanwhile, reelectionist Misamis Oriental

Life is like the waves
on the ocean,
it keeps going.

"Consistent with this administration's assurance to continue the Free Higher Education program, CHED, through the UniFAST, remains on track in delivering its commitment to accessible and equitable higher education for all Filipinos," CHED Chairperson J. Prospero de Vera III said in a statement.

In particular, more than PHP577.12 million augmented fund was approved to cover tuition and school fees of tertiary level students in LUCs, on top of the PHP5.2 billion free higher education budget under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

De Vera, meanwhile, thanked President Marcos and the DBM for their continuous support in advancing free and

quality higher education in the country.

"This is a testament that the national government considers higher education as a priority and is committed to ensuring the continuous delivery of free tertiary education," de Vera said.

The UniFAST, meanwhile, assured immediate disbursement for timely reimbursement to CHED-accredited LUCs.

"Disbursement is after (the) Holy Week. Matagal na naka-ready papers niyan (Necessary papers have already been prepared way earlier)," UniFAST Executive Director Ryan Estevez told the Philippine News Agency in a Viber message. (PNA)

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are prohibited under Section 240 of OEC (Omnibus Election Code) which was adopted in the Overseas Voting Law, we are not allowed to reveal the number of those who have already voted or provide an update," he said.

"But currently, we can tell you that the number of enrollees is increasing."

Garcia further said voting in the internet voting is 24/7 which is very convenient to voters, noting that all they have to do is to just log in their assigned account and password on their gadgets and then they will be able to vote.

"Internet voting is open 24/7. They can vote, in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening," he said.

On the other hand, the voters in 16 Posts overseas that will be using the automated counting machines have also started casting their votes.

The voting hours inside PEs and PCGs is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are a total of 1.321 million Filipino voters abroad.

Overseas voters will only vote for national positions --12 senators and one party-list group. (PNA)

Governor Peter Unabia said his recent remarks that were called out by the poll body were uttered in "good faith."

"It is essential to underscore that both remarks were: made in good faith; expressed in non-malicious, non-threatening contexts; not accompanied by any directive, propaganda, or sustained pattern of exclusion or hateful campaigning," Unabia said in his reply to the Comelec.

Unabia added that his statements are "covered within the favored freedom as they are essential in maintaining a light, relatable and engaging atmosphere during a campaign event, coupled with the purpose of informing the electorate with the more pressing issues that need to be addressed by our local leaders."

"In the absence of any

clear and present danger to maintaining a free and honest election, or actual policies or directives which discriminate any gender, such statements should be subsumed within the favored freedom of every candidate to speak of his or her mind, and the concomitant freedom of every member of the electorate to know," he added.

Unabia has said that only beautiful women should be given nursing scholarship grants because patients' conditions might worsen if they are attended to by male or ugly nurses.

He also said politicians from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao might dominate their localities if his slate and allies are defeated in the polls. (PNA)

Pope Francis names Dumaguete priest as new Ipil bishop

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – Pope Francis has named Monsignor Glenn Corsiga as the new bishop of the Diocese of Ipil in Zamboanga Sibugay province.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) news website reported that Corsiga's appointment was announced by the Vatican at 12 noon (6 p.m. Manila time) on April 14.

The diocese's top post has been vacant since August 2023 after the transfer of Archbishop Julius Tonel who is now heads the Archdiocese of Zamboanga.

The diocese has been under the care of Monsignor Elizar Cielo as diocesan administrator.

He was born in Dumaguete and studied philosophy at St. Joseph Seminary College in Sibulan, Negros Oriental. He later studied theology at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay City.

He was ordained a priest for the Dumaguete diocese on Dec. 14, 1993, after which he had several assignments, including serving as parish vicar of Sta. Catherine of Alexandria in Dumaguete (1993–1994); parish vicar of Sta. Clara de Montefalco in Pasay (1994–1997); spiritual director of

St. Joseph Seminary College (1997–2002); and chaplain of St. Paul University in Dumaguete (1998–2006).

In 2000, Corsiga was appointed vice chancellor of the diocese, a post he held until 2002, when he became rector of St. Joseph Seminary College.

In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI named him a papal chaplain, granting him the honorary title of "monsignor." He also served as parish priest of St. James the Greater in Tanjay from 2014 to 2020 and as episcopal vicar of the diocese's north district from 2014 to 2017.

Corsiga, 60, currently serves as vicar general of the diocese, a position he has held since 2017, and as parish priest of St. Augustine of Hippo Parish in Bacong, Negros Oriental province since 2020.

Ordination of new Pagadian bishop set

Meanwhile, the episcopal ordination and installation of Ronald Anthony Timoner, 53, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Pagadian has been set for Aug. 13 at the Sto. Niño Cathedral in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.

"Join us in prayer and celebration. Let us witness this blessed moment of grace for our diocese. As we prepare for Bishop-elect Ronald Anthony Timoner's ordination and installation, we trust in God's



Ipil Bishop-elect Glenn Corsiga (Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Dumaguete)

beautiful unfolding plan for our diocese," the diocese said in a social media post Tuesday.

Timoner will be the sixth bishop of the Pagadian diocese.

The Holy Father appointed Timoner, a priest of the Diocese of Daet in Camarines Norte province, as

Pagadian bishop on April 2.

He will succeed Bishop Ronald Lunas, who died in January 2024. Since then, the diocese has been under the care of Archbishop Martin Jumoad of Ozamis, who served as apostolic administrator during the "sede vacante" period.

Timoner has been serving as the diocesan administrator of the Daet diocese since May 2024.

He was appointed more than a month after Bishop-elect Herman Abcede was named new Daet bishop. (PNA)

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municipalities will receive a ₱30 increase, elevating their daily minimum wage from ₱420 to ₱450.

The Wage Board added that workers in the agriculture sector in first-class municipalities will receive an increase of ₱35, adjusting their daily minimum wage

from ₱465 to ₱500.

"These adjustments follow the initial tranche implemented on September 30, 2024, and are part of the government's ongoing efforts to ensure fair compensation for workers in the region," the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board

Calabarzon (RTWPB IV-A) said in a statement.

The RTWPB IV-A advised employers to comply with the new wage rates to avoid penalties, while workers are encouraged to stay informed about their updated compensation entitlements. (RBF, FSC, PIA4A)

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communities and giving them the same digital tools available in urban centers," he said in a statement.

One-hundred tablets and three satellite internet kits were distributed to eight public high schools -- Eduardo T. Oporto Memorial National High School in Bogo City; Kalagyawon National High School in Carcar City; Cabagdalan National High

School in Balamban; Gilloctog National High School in Barili; Alpaco National High School in Naga City; Nicolas Tiongco Memorial National High School in Danao City; Nemesio Epifania Taneo Memorial National High School in Lapu-Lapu City; and Gen. Climaco Memorial National High School in Toledo City.

"A digital tool in the

hands of a learner is a doorway to the future. It is access, it is equity, it is empowerment. In Bagong Pilipinas (the New Philippines), we are not just catching up with the world, we are preparing every Filipino child to lead in it," Angara said.

Besides schools in Cebu, the Pay IT Forward initiative will also be conducted in Marawi. (PNA)

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to the easterlies," Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) weather division chief, Juanito Galang, said in a special weather outlook for Semana Santa.

PAGASA urged the public to limit outdoor activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to avoid fatigue, heat cramps, and exhaustion.

The public is also advised to drink water regularly, take breaks in shaded areas, and wear light-colored clothes.

PAGASA earlier predicted 43°C to 44°C heat indices or what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air, in several areas in Cavite, Metro Manila, Batangas, Pangasinan, Bulacan, Isabela, Mindoro, and Zamboanga del Norte.

Data from PAGASA administrator Nathaniel Ser-

vando showed the heat index could peak at 42 °C in several areas in Pangasinan and Tarlac on Holy Wednesday.

On Maundy Thursday, several areas in Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Bulacan are also forecast to experience a 42 °C heat index.

Under danger level or 41°C to 51°C heat indices, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely.

Continued exposure could also cause heat stroke.

Meanwhile, PAGASA expects the frontal system to continue causing scattered rains and isolated thunderstorms over Cagayan Valley, Apayao, and Aurora on Tuesday.

On the same day, the rest of the country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies, with a chance of brief rain showers or thunderstorms, mostly in the eastern section. (PNA)



DIGITAL TOOLS. iACADEMY and Republic Asia donate 100 computer tablets and three Starlink internet kits to eight schools in underserved areas in Cebu at the iACADEMY Cebu campus in Cebu City on April 11, 2025. The Department of Education on Monday (April 14) lauded the private sector for partnering with the government to ensure accessibility to digital tools. (Photo courtesy of DICT Industrial Development Bureau-Region 7)

EDITORIAL

Sleeping off hunger pangs

"HUNGER is not just an economic failure — it is a profound moral one. A nation that cannot feed its people has lost sight of its responsibilities.

If hunger were a sound, it would be the quietest noise in the world — a gnawing absence, a hollowed-out silence. But the numbers speak loudly, echoing with the rumble of empty stomachs across the nation.

According to the latest Stratbase ADR Institute-Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey, 27.2 percent of Filipino families — about 7.5 million households — experienced involuntary hunger at least once in the first quarter of 2025. This means that more than one in four Filipino families went to bed without enough food, not knowing when their next meal would come. Among self-identified poor households, the number rises to 35.6 percent — more than one in three families for whom hunger is not a passing phase but a chronic condition.

Behind these statistics are real people: children rummaging through trash bins for discarded leftovers; adults collecting scraps of food to turn into "pagpag," reheated and recooked meals destined for tables in urban slums. In the provinces, mothers water down rice porridge — "am" — to feed babies, while fathers quietly skip meals so their children can eat.

Hunger in the Philippines is not abstract. It is not a distant humanitarian crisis. It is a daily, grinding reality — and it is getting worse.

The 2024 Global Hunger Index ranked the Philippines 67th out of 127 countries, with a score of 14.4, classified as "moderate." But this ranking belies the urgency of the situation. Our score is worse than the global average of 12.5, and we trail behind Southeast Asian neighbors Vietnam (7.1), Thailand (10.2) and Malaysia (8.5). We are not keeping pace — and we must ask ourselves why.

The answers are both systemic and immediate. Rising food prices, cited by 54 percent of respondents in the SWS survey, is the leading reason for hunger. Inflation has made even basic staples — rice, vegetables, fish — unaffordable for many. Despite government price caps and subsidies, families continue to feel the pinch. Global conflicts, supply chain disruptions and agricultural shortfalls have all contributed to food price instability.

Compounding this is the escalating impact of climate change,

no longer a distant concern but a daily agricultural threat. Stronger typhoons, unpredictable rainfall, and drought have devastated local farms. Farmers who once harvested enough for consumption and livelihood now face withering crops and flooded fields.

At the root of this crisis lies deep, cyclical poverty. Even when food is available, it is out of reach for too many. Children go to school hungry. Laborers work on empty stomachs. The elderly quietly endure. Hunger is an economic problem — but it is also a deeply moral one.

The government's Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty aims to link local food producers to institutional buyers like schools and hospitals. It supports cooperatives and strengthens the farm-to-table chain. These programs show promise — but they are being outpaced by the scale of the problem.

What more must be done? Agricultural resilience must be prioritized. Farmers need training, drought-resistant seeds, irrigation systems and affordable credit. Support for climate-smart agriculture — farming practices that adapt to and mitigate climate effects — is no longer optional, it is essential.

Social safety nets must be expanded. Programs like the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) improve short-term food access and school attendance, but critics argue they're stop-gap measures. These initiatives must be paired with livelihood programs, nutrition education and community-led food networks.

We can also look outward for inspiration. Brazil's Fome Zero (Zero Hunger) lifted millions out of food insecurity by investing in small farmers and guaranteeing them a market. Vietnam, once plagued by famine, reduced hunger through community health and nutrition campaigns. These are not perfect blueprints — but they prove that transformation is possible with the right political will.

Hunger is not just an economic failure — it is a profound moral one. A nation that cannot feed its people has lost sight of its responsibilities. The solutions exist — in successful models, in policy recommendations, in the lived experiences of families and farmers.

What's missing is the urgency, the compassion and the political courage to act.



Photo courtesy of tribune.net.ph

KAPIRASONG kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Radikal sa #AIDub

PART 1

SA panimulang antas, mainam sanang hayaan na lang ang mga personal at kahit padaskul-daskol na pagtingin sa "kalyeserye" na "AIDub." Tatal naman, isa itong kalakal ng kulturang popular kung saan pwede, at hinihikayat pa nga, ang kanya-kanyang panlasa, gusto, o trip mula sa maraming pagpipilian.

Pero dahil sa grabeng kasikatan ng palabas sa hanay ng masa, mainam na bigyan ito ng seryosong pagsusuri, o mga pagsusuri, ng mga interesado sa buhay at kultura ng masa. Lalo na iyung mga interesado sa kalagayang pang-ekonomiya, pakikibaka at hinaharap nila. At ganito rin siguro sa iba pang kalakal ng kulturang popular na sikat sa masa.

Hindi na rin matatalikuran ang pangangailangan sa ganitong pagsusuri dahil ang mga tagahanga ng AIDub, lalo na iyung mula sa hanay ng mga aktibista, ay kumukwestyon sa mga paniniwala, palagay at pagpapahalaga na nasa likod ng pagsusuri ng mga hindi tagahanga, at kritiko pa nga, ng kalyeserye.

Pero anong klaseng seryosong pagsusuri? Kung hindi ubra ang "personal lang," hindi rin ang "kasubuan na" o todong pagtatanggol sa isang tindig na napili na bago pa man ang pagsusuri. Dapat ay mahigpit na kaugnay ito ng pagpanig, punto-de-bista at pamamaraan ng progresibong kaisipan, na kolektibong pinagsasaluhan.

Ibig sabihin, hindi produktibo kung ang

mga talakayan hinggil sa AIDub ay mauwi sa "anti-intelektwalismo" na may bahagi ng pag-iwas sa progresibong kaisipan — kapwa sa pagtanggap sa pagbuo ng seryosong pagsusuri rito o sa pagbansag na "pa-intelektwal lang" ang mga nasa kabilang panig ng debate.

Kung progresibong kaisipan ang pag-uusapan, kailangang kagayat na kilalanin na may mayamang tradisyon dito na kritikal sa kulturang popular. Maraming tuligsa sa huli: likha ng malalaking kapitalista, nag-uudyok ng walang kabusugang pagkonsumo, balon ng pantasyang naglilihis ng atensyon ng masa sa mga suliraning panlipunan at tunggalian ng mga uri, nagdudulot ng pagkabalag at pagkamanhid sa mga isyung panlipunan, at iba pa.

Sa ganitong konteksto mapapahalagahan ang lapit o approach ni Fredric Jameson, Marxistang Amerikano, at ng iba pang katulad niya, sa kulturang popular. Taliwas sa kampo ng progresibong kaisipan na purong negatibo ang pagtingin dito, kinilala niya na may positibo rin sa kulturang popular — at "positibo" mula sa perspektibang progresibo.

Ayon kay Jameson, ang mga kalakal ng kulturang popular ay posibleng maglaman ng "Utopyanong paghahangad" — "ang paghahangad sa kolektibidad, proto-pulitikal na kapasyahang muling magtayo ng komunidad, muling mag-imbento ng porma ng buhay panlipunan at ng pamumuhay kung saan hindi sinasagkaan ang mga

posibilidad ng mga tao, kung saan ang mga pagnanasa ng mga tao ay nabibigyang-kasiyahan sa kung anong paraang bago at labas sa alyenasyon (non-alienated)." Ng paghahangad, samakatwid, sa sosyalismo.

Diyalektikal ang turing at ambisyon ni Jameson sa kanyang lapit: pinanghahawakan pareho ang mga bahaging negatibo at mga bahaging positibo sa mga kalakal ng kulturang popular at sumusuri sa kanilang pag-uugnayan, tunggalian at pagkakaisa.

At ganito niya inilalarawan ang pag-uugnayan ng dalawa: sa kulturang popular, o "mass culture" sa katawagan niya, ang mga "mapanganib at proto-pulitikal na mga bugso ng damdamin (impulse)" ng masa ay kapwa ginigising para pagkatapos ay pahimbingin, pinapadaloy para pagkatapos ay sagkaan. May mga "kaligayahan" o "insentiba" na ibinibigay sa manonood para sa pananahimik.

Sa ganitong pagbuo, bagamat kinikilala kapwa ang negatibo at positibo sa mga kalakal ng kulturang popular, malinaw na pangunahin pa rin ang negatibo, at dito naglilingkod ang positibo. Sa dulo, pinagtibay niya ang "hindi nababawang kapangyarihan ng ideolohikal na pagbaluktot na naggugumiit kahit sa ibinalik na Utopyanong pakahulugan ng mga produktong pangkultura." Ipinapaalala niya sa atin na "sa loob ng simbolikong kapangyarihan ng sining at kultura, nananatiling buo ang ipagpaptuloy..."

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Bacoor City with Emudhra and DOOH Billboards for City's digital future



Photo courtesy of PGC/Facebook post

DO IT NOW. SOMETIMES "LATER" BECOMES "NEVER"

By MISS-STAFF

BACOR CITY, April 14, 2025 – Mayor Strike B. Revilla hosted a meeting with representatives from Emudhra and Digital Out of Home (DOOH) billboards today at the Strike Conference Room.

The meeting, organized by the City Government of Bacoor's Management Information System (MIS)/ E-Government Department headed by Mr. Lodgene Asuncion, focused on exploring potential partnerships to enhance the city's digital infrastructure and communication strategies.

Emudhra presented their proposal for implementing

digital signatures within the city government, while DOOH representatives followed up on their previous request to install billboards in Bacoor. Ms. Chezka Gonzales, Founder of the Philippine Blockchain Week, also participated, offering insights into blockchain technology's potential for the city.

The meeting served as a platform for exploring innovative solutions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of city services.

The City Government of Bacoor remains committed to embracing technology to enhance the lives of its citizens and drive progress in the city. (bacoor.gov.ph)

CAVITEVIEW

Comprehensive Training Program led by City Livelihood and Development Department (Livelihood) for 96 Bacoor City vendors

By MISS-STAFF

BACOR CITY, April 14, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, in partnership with DTI Cavite and Agimat Partylist, conducted a comprehensive training program for over 96 vendors in the city today at the Revilla

Hall. The training, led by Ms. Carmelita Gawaran, OIC head of the City Livelihood and Development Department (Livelihood), focused on equipping vendors with essential business management skills to improve their financial stability.

The event was graced by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, LNB Vice President Kap Randy Francisco, Mr. Manolo "Kuya Noly" Galvez, Mr. Horacio Brillantes, Mr. Eric Ugalde, and Mr. Ruy B. Manaog, Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist from DTI Cavite.

Mrs. Camille Guantero, President of the Vendors Federation, also participated in the training. The training covered topics like effective business planning, expense management, and savings strategies.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla, in his address to the vendors, pledged his

unwavering support for their endeavors, emphasizing the City Government's commitment to fostering a thriving business environment for all Bacooreños. The training program is a testament to the City Government's dedication to empowering its citizens and strengthening the local economy. (bacoor.gov.ph)



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AND EDUARDO R. PRIMA, JR.,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, of Cocolife Building, 6807 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, and against the mortgagors, EDMAR R. PRIMA,

JOHN EDWARD R. PRIMA AND EDUARDO R. PRIMA, JR. all of 28-B, Bansalangan St., Veterance Village, Project 7, Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of February 28, 2025, amounts to ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVEN PESOS & 44/100 (P1,838,907.44), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on May 13, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main Entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 167-2022002106

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1-G, OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04-084164, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLK. 10, (LRC) PCS-13714), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. SALINAS, MUN. OF BACoor, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (117) SQ. M."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 20, 2025, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, March 25, 2025.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA

Clerk of Court VI

By:
ROBERT JON A. DELA CRUZ

Sheriff IV

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COCOLIFE LEGAL DIVISION
UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION
8th Floor Cocolife Bldg., Ayala Ave., Makati City

EDMAR R. PRIMA, JOHN EDWARD R. PRIMA AND EDUARDO R. PRIMA, JR.
28-B, Bansalangan St., Veterance Village, Project 7, Quezon City

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Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

EJF NO. TG-24-046
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ROWENA R. ALABADO MARRIED TO
EDUARDO M. ALABADO,
Mortgagors.
x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on March 16, 1999 by Mortgagors, ROWENA R. ALABADO MARRIED TO EDUARDO M. ALABADO, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 3 Iliano Cruz Street, Vergara, Mandaluyong City, and (2) Lot 83 Blk. 2, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817546) 17615 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor/Borrower in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY SIX PESOS & 63/100 (Php585,026.63), inclusive of

interest, penalties and other charges, as of March 20, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on May 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817546) 17615
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Silang Prov. Of Cavite bounded and described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot 83 Blk. 2 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of Lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., Lots 8016-A to 8016-D, Csd-04-006071-D, Lot 15709-A, Csd-042118-012810-D, & Lot Blk. 71. Pcs-04-011250, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2-3 by Lot 24; along line 3-4 by Lot 23, on the NW., along line 4-5 by Lot 84; all of Blk. 2; on the NE., along lines 5-6-7 by Rd. Lot 5; on the SE., along line 7-8 by Lot 82; and on the SW., along lines 8-9-1 by Lot 25 both of Blk. 2, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 67 deg. 13'E., 5001.15 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad.; thence N. 46 deg. 34'W., 1.37 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 35 deg. 34'W., 4.51 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 27 deg. 07'W., 4.93 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 64 deg. 58'E., 8.58 m. to pt.5; thence S. 35 deg. 05'E., 2.30 m. to pt. 6; thence S. 55 deg. 09'E., 3.61 m. to pt. 7; thence S. 09 deg. 47'W., 10.73 m. to pt. 8; thence N. 73 deg. 05'W., 1.75 m. to pt. 9; thence N. 62 deg. 52'W., 3.03 m. to pt. 1; beginning, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey and that of the subd. survey, on Aug. 1-30, 1997 and was approved on Dec. 5, 1997.

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of* ROWENA R. ALABADO, married to EDUARDO M. ALABADO, both of legal age, Filipino.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 29, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-817546) 17615, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, March 27, 2025.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

OLIVER N. MENDOZA
Sheriff-in-Charge

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
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Mortgagee
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ROWENA R. ALABADO MARRIED TO EDUARDO M. ALABADO
Mortgagors
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(2) Lot 83 Blk. 2, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite

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Career Opportunity in NEW ELECTRONICS SYSTEM CO., INC.

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(1 Vacancy)

Job Description:
The Manufacturing Support Manager will oversee and manage the manufacturing support team to ensure smooth operations, efficient production processes, manage production budgets and cost control program. This role is pivotal in maintaining the workflow, addressing production issues, and ensuring compliance with safety standards and quality controls. The Manager will coordinate cross-functional teams to, implement improvements, and drive operational excellence.

Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):
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- Ability to communicate effectively in Korean (both written and spoken) is required, as the role involves working with Korean-speaking teams and clients.

Applications may be sent to:
Sheila Mae A. de Guzman
nesphil2002@gmail.com

Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
Company Name: New Electronics System Co., Inc. Complete Address: Lot10a, Block 3, Phase 2, Peza, Rosario, Cavite Nature of Business: Manufacturing	Name: Nan Young Park Address: Lot10a, Block 3, Phase 2, Peza, Rosario, Cavite Nationality: South Korean Intended period of employment: Two (2) years

NEW ELECTRONICS SYSTEM CO., INC. hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment - Regional Office.

No. IV-A located at 3rd and 4th Floor, Andenson Bldg. II, Brgy. Parian, Calamba City, Laguna.

Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at DOLE Regional Office No. IV- A located at 3rd and 4th Floor, Andenson Bldg. II, Brgy. Parian, Calamba City, Laguna within 30 days after this publication.

Please inform DOLE Regional Office No.IV- A if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign nationals.

Note: The structure of this template is merely suggestive. Companies are allowed to create their respective job ads, provided that the contents are complete and compliant with the DOLE Department Order No. 248 s. 2025 "New rules and regulations on the employment of foreign nationals in the Philippines"

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY IN BOJIE MANUFACTURING CORP.

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- Enforce safety regulations and ensure compliance with industry standards.

Qualification:

- Male
- At least 10-15 years of related experience
- With expertise in manufacturing of Christmas lights / decorative lights
- With skills in troubleshooting, diagnosing, and repairing machinery.
- Must be proficient in Mandarin

Kindly send your resume at admin1@bojiemanufacturingcorp.com

COMPANY/ EMPLOYER	NAME OF FOREIGN APPLICANT
Company Name: BOJIE MANUFACTURING CORP. Workplace Location: Lots 1-8 P3, Golden Gate Business Park, Buenavista II, General Trias, Cavite Nature of Business: Manufacturing of decorative lights (Christmas lights, halloween lights...)	Name: CHAO-YANG LIN Address: B61 L9-11 P9 Governor Hills, Brgy. Biclitan General Trias Cavite Period of Employment: 2 years

Bojie Manufacturing Corp., hereby declares that the above-mentioned foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Regional Office No. IV-A located at , 3rd & 4th Floor Adenson Bldg. Parian, Calamba City, Laguna

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TIME IS PRECIOUS, WASTE IT WISELY.

DSWD to expand ‘Walang Gutom’ Kitchen, targets ‘poverty hotspots’



Department of Social Welfare and Development’s Walang Gutom (No Hunger) Kitchen in Pasay City (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

By Darryl John Esguerra

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is looking to expand its “Walang Gutom” Kitchen program which provides feeding and food credits to poverty-stricken Filipinos.

The move comes after a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showed 52 percent of the respondents consider their families poor, slightly higher from 50 percent in January and 51 percent in February. Hunger incidence also rose,

according to a prior survey.

In a press briefing in Malacañang on Monday, DSWD Assistant Secretary and Spokesperson Irene Dumlaog acknowledged the complex nature of hunger and poverty, and the agency is strengthening its efforts through a multi-pronged, inter-agency approach.

She said the DSWD is eyeing the expansion of the “Walang Gutom” Kitchen project beyond Metro Manila, targeting the Visayas, Mindanao, and northern parts of the metropolis.

“Iyan po ay dahil pinag-aralan natin with our partners particularly from the private sector, na dito rin po iyong mataas iyong bilang ng mga individual—families and individuals in street situations (That’s because we studied with our partners particularly from the private sector -- that in that areas -- the number of families and individuals in street situations—is also high),” Dumlaog said.

She also cited the spate of typhoons that ravaged parts of the country last year, inflation, and income gaps as persistent challenges in the fight against poverty and hunger.

To help cushion the impact of these shocks, the DSWD continues to implement safety net programs such as the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS), Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP), and its flagship Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

The agency has also partnered with the Department of Labor and Employment for the Trabaho Para sa 4Ps program, which Dumlaog said has already provided jobs to more than 3,000 beneficiaries.

Amid concerns about the effectiveness of existing poverty alleviation programs, Dumlaog said evaluation studies are being conducted, including a review of the cash aid amount under “Walang Gutom”.

“Mayroon pong kinomisyon na pag-aaral para makita kung ano na ang naging epekto ng programa after several years... Kasama diyan kung sapat pa ba ang halagang tinatangap ng mga benepisyaryo (There is a commissioned study to assess the impact of the program after several years... That includes whether the amount the beneficiaries are receiving is still sufficient),” she said. (PNA)

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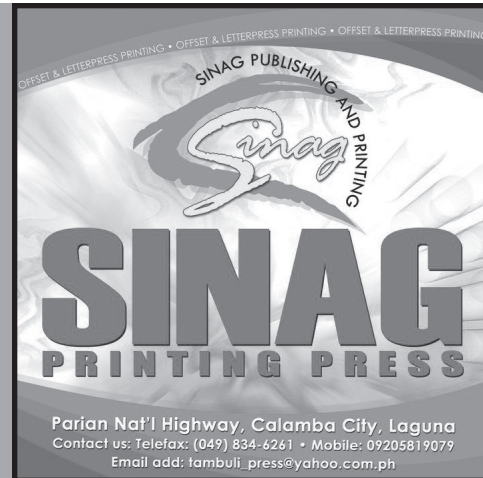
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Cavite mayoral bet in hot water over lewd joke on solo parents

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – A reelectionist mayor in Cavite province added to the list of aspirants called out by the Commission of Elections (Comelec) over lewd and unsavory remarks in campaign sorties.

Silang town Mayor Alston Kevin Anarna was ordered by the poll body's Task Force on Safeguarding Against Fear and Exclusion in Elections (SAFE) to explain his alleged discriminatory jokes on single parents.

In a March 29 campaign sortie, Anarna joked that he would give free

spouses to solo parents by pairing all widowers with widows via a raffle.

"We note that a live video recording of above utterance is posted on your registered online campaign platform with the Commission...In our view, the foregoing constitutes possible violation of Comelec Resolution No. 11116 or the Anti-Discrimination and Fair Campaign Guidelines for the purposes of the 12 May 2025 National and Local Elections and BARMM Parliamentary Elections, specifically, Section 3," Comelec Task Force SAFE

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Incumbent Silang, Cavite Mayor Kevin Anarna (Photo courtesy of Atty. Kevin Amutan Anarna Facebook page)

Palace: Black state of PH fits Duterte era, not Marcos admin

By Darryl John Esguerra

MANILA – Malacañang on Tuesday said the somber tone and imagery used in the new campaign ad of Senator Imee Marcos and Vice President Sara Duterte more accurately reflected the state of the country under the previous administration, not the current administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The 31-second campaign ad released Monday described black as the "current color of the country" due to crime, injustice and various national problems.

But Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said the "black" depiction better describes the previous administration of former president Rodrigo Duterte, the Vice President's father.

"Kapag sinabi na itim ang kulay ng bansa, mas madedescribe siguro natin ang nakaraang administrasyon na sobrang itim at ngayon ay papaliwanag sa panahon ng kasalukuyang administrasyon

(When you say the current color of the country is black, it is describing the previous administration that is so dark and now on its way to a brighter one under the current administration)," she said.

Castro claimed that poverty incidence and crime rate under President Marcos are both lower compared to the previous administration.

She also cited the over PHP7 trillion debt inherited from Duterte, as well as the thousands of lives lost in his brutal war on drugs.

As for the current situation, Castro insisted the country is on a path to recovery and progress, suggesting that the Philippines is on its way to being "white."

"Papunta na po sa paputi. Konting kulay na lang, maputi na. Hindi pa perfectly white, pero doon po patungo ang kasalukuyang administrasyon (We're on our way to being white. Just a little more sun bleach, we're almost white. Not yet

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Enrolment for overseas internet voting open until May 7: Comelec



Photo courtesy of PNA

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – Filipinos abroad who would use internet voting may enroll their gadgets for the purpose until May 7, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) said April 14.

In an interview, Comelec Chairperson George Garcia said registered voters who would like to use the new mode of voting or the Online

Voting and Counting System (OVCS) in 77 Philippine Embassies (PEs) and Philippine Consulates General (PCG) can visit ov.comelec.gov.ph/enroll.

"Enrollment is until May 7 to be able to participate in the internet voting, using their laptop, cellphones, iPads," he said.

The poll body chief reported that so far, over

55,000 Filipinos abroad have enrolled to avail of the internet voting.

At the same time, Garcia said they cannot reveal the number of those who have already voted at the start of the 30-day overseas voting period on Sunday.

"We are not allowed to reveal the names or numbers of those who have voted, we

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