

**TOWN in FOCUS**

New rain, water monitoring tech seen to boost city's disaster efforts p. 5

*Ang*  
**CAVITENO**

VOLUME XLI No. 03 Hulyo 22-28, 2024 P6.00

*What's Inside?*

- PH asserts claim to ECS; stands ready for talks with Vietnam p. 2
- Filipinos urged to learn CPR p. 3
- Kapirasong Kritika p. 4

# PH renewables get boosts from new 64-MW Cavite solar plant

By Kris Crismundo

MANILA – The country's supply of renewable energy (RE) continues to increase as Prime Infra's unit, Prime Solar Solutions Corp., inaugurated its 64-megawatt solar power plant in Maragondon, Cavite on Wednesday.

The new solar plant is part of Prime Solar's 128-MW pilot project, which includes another facility in Tanauan, Batangas. Both were constructed in April last year.

*"The plant inaugurated today is certainly a part of Prime Infra's wider*

*sustainable strategy and continue to be very much aligned to our purpose of building better lives and resilient economies through critical infrastructure,"* Prime Infra president and chief executive officer Guillaume Lucci said.

Lucci said the Maragondon solar power plant has the capacity to power approximately 84,000 households and has the potential to displace over 100,000 tons of coal annually, significantly contributing to environmental conservation

*Continued on page 3...*



MARAGONDON SOLAR. Officials from the local government, the Department of Energy, and the Energy Regulatory Commission join Prime Infra executives led by President and CEO Guillaume Lucci (center) at the inauguration of the Maragondon Solar Power Plant in Cavite on Wednesday (July 17, 2024). The 64-megawatt solar power plant is part of Prime Solar's 128-MW pilot project, which includes another facility in Tanauan, Batangas. Both were constructed in April last year. (Courtesy of Prime Infra)

## Dengue cases hike by 30% in June amid rainy season

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The number of dengue cases has increased by 30 percent as of June 29 amid the rainy season, the Department of Health (DOH) reported Tuesday.

Citing its latest data, the DOH said from 6,323 dengue cases reported last May 19 to June 1 or the start of the rainy season, the figure rose to 8,246 from June 2 to June 15.

*"Dengue cases are rising as expected due to the rainfall, which allows more water to pool and be stagnant. Left unchecked, Aedes aegypti mosquitoes responsible for spreading dengue will breed in these stagnant pools of water,"* the DOH statement read.

The total number of dengue cases since the start of the year has totaled to 90,119, with 233 deaths.

This is 19 percent higher than the previous year's tally of 75,968 over the same period, the DOH said.

Based on the epidemic curve, it noted that cases on a weekly basis in 2024 went above what was observed in 2023 from Jan. 1 to May 11.

From May 12 to June 29, on the other hand, the

weekly case numbers have returned to either below or just slightly above what was recorded in 2023.

The DOH said this may be attributed to the ongoing intensified efforts of local governments to kill mosquitoes by searching and destroying their breeding water.

Over the past six weeks prior to June 29, the DOH monitored a spike in dengue cases in the regions of Mimaropa, Cagayan Valley, Western Visayas, Ilocos Region, Central Luzon, Calabarzon and the National Capital Region.

The DOH advised the public to follow the "4S strategy," which it said is proven to combat dengue.

-Search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating stagnant water and their containers;

-Self-protect by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants;

-Seek early consultation with a doctor or health worker for any symptoms; and

-Support fogging or spraying in a local hotspot or outbreak areas where an increase in cases is registered. (PNA)

## Calabarzon police initiatives to enhance public safety, deter crime

By Zen Trinidad

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Police Regional Office in Calabarzon (PRO 4A) on Thursday launched and presented to Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief, Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil, three policing strategies to enhance public safety, improve emergency response coordination, and deter crime.

*"These initiatives—the P.O.W.E.R Services Application, Blue Cops in Mobile Sub-station on Wheels (BCMWS), and the Integrated Patrol System 'RONDA'—are the result of collaborative efforts among our personnel, stakeholders, and the community,"* Marbil said during his command visit at Camp Vicente Lim here.

The PNP chief unveiled the BCMWS, a mobile sub-station manned by uniformed personnel and force multipliers. It is operational around the clock and deployable to business districts, alleys, and busy streets. During emergencies, the BCMWS will act as a mini tactical operations center,

enhancing crisis management and coordination among response teams, including during natural disasters.

*"Our proactive approach ensures police services are accessible, even in remote areas,"* Marbil said.

He also inaugurated the P.O.W.E.R Services *Continued on page 3...*



COMMAND VISIT. Philippine National Police Chief, Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil, meets the media during his command visit at Camp Vicente P. Lim in Calamba City on Thursday (July 18, 2024). The Police Regional Office in Calabarzon (PRO 4A) launched and presented to Marbil three policing strategies to enhance public safety, improve emergency response coordination, and deter crime. (Photo by Zen Trinidad)

## Calabarzon grabs 5 more swim golds; NCR keeps overall Palaro lead

By Jean Malanum

MANILA – Calabarzon garnered five more gold medals in swimming on Sunday as it remained second behind powerhouse National Capital Region (NCR) in the overall medal standings of the Palarong Pambansa in Cebu

City.

Albert Jose Amaro II bagged three golds while Micaela Jasmine Mojdeh and Peter Cyrus Dean got one each at Cebu City Sports Center pool.

Amaro ruled the boys' 13-18 50-meter freestyle in 24.25 seconds, while NCR

bets Luke Amber Matthew Arano (24.57s) and Kobie Briel Rivera (24.69s) placed second and third, respectively.

He also triumphed in the 200m freestyle with a time of 1:58.15 over Davao Region's Paolo Miguel Labanon (1:58.21) and NCR's

*Continued on page 3...*

## PH asserts claim to ECS; stands ready for talks with Vietnam

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Philippine government on Thursday affirmed its claim to its extended continental shelf (ECS) in the Western Palawan Region but reiterated its readiness to talk with Vietnam as the latter makes a new submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS).

*“The Philippines affirms its claim to its extended continental shelf in the Western Palawan Region*

*consistent with its maritime entitlements under UNCLOS (UN Convention on the Law of the Sea), as demonstrated by our ECS submission made on 15 June 2024,”* Foreign Affairs spokesperson Ma. Teresita Daza said in a statement.

*“Nevertheless, we acknowledge Vietnam’s right, as a coastal State like the Philippines, to submit information to establish the outer limits of their continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the relevant and lawful baselines from which its territorial sea*

*is measured, as provided for under UNCLOS.”*

Manila, she said, is ready to engage Hanoi *“on possible ways forward that would help achieve a mutually beneficial solution to South China Sea issues, in accordance with international law, particularly UNCLOS.”*

Vietnam submitted its formal claim on an ECS in the *“Central Area of the East Sea (South China Sea)”* before the CLCS on July 17.

This was Vietnam’s third submission and came a month after the Philippines

formally asked the CLCS to register its ECS in the Western Palawan Region on June 15.

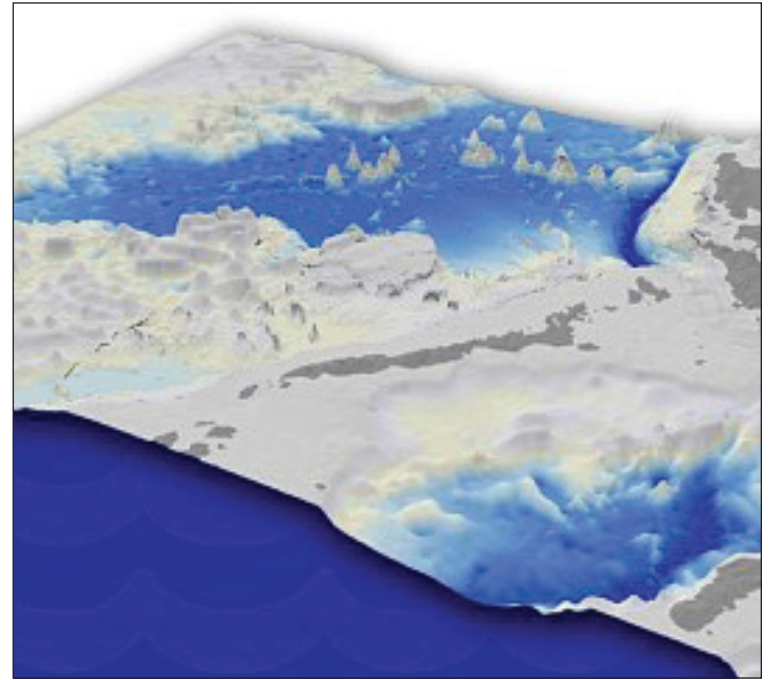
Vietnam in May 2009 submitted a separate submission concerning what it calls the *“North Area”* of the South China Sea, and a joint submission with Malaysia for the *“Southern Part”* of the same sea.

In a communication dated July 17, Vietnam said it rejects the Philippines’ claim over a portion of its ECS, saying it *“encroaches”* upon its 200-nautical-mile continental

shelf and *“overlaps”* with the ECS it defined in its three submissions.

The Southeast Asian state, however, said it also *“stands ready to discuss and negotiate this matter with the Philippines”* based on the UNCLOS.

In the same communication, Vietnam requested the CLCS to refrain from considering the Philippines’ submission *“until all the relevant issues have been resolved”* between the two states. (PNA)



**OUTERLIMITS.** The cover of the executive summary of the Philippine government’s partial submission of data and information on the outer limits of the country’s continental shelf in the West Palawan Region. Foreign Affairs spokesperson Ma. Teresita Daza said Thursday (July 18, 2024) that the Philippines has affirmed its claim to its extended continental shelf in the Western Palawan Region consistent with its maritime entitlements under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. (Image courtesy of UN CLCS)

### VP...

Grade 10.

MATATAG stands for *“Make the curriculum relevant to produce job-ready, Active and responsible citizens; Take steps to accelerate the delivery of basic education services and provision facilities; Take good care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusiveness learning, and positive learning environment; and, Give support for teachers to teach better.”*

### 2-year accomplishments

Duterte, meanwhile, cited DepEd’s accomplishments for the last two years under her leadership including the MATATAG Agenda rollout, the pilot launch of the K-10 MATATAG curriculum, the start of SHS

From page 8

curriculum review, and the return of in-person classes for the post-Covid-19 pandemic, benefiting around 27 million learners.

The DepEd also entered into an agreement with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Commission on Higher Education, and Department of Labor and Employment for the free national certification assessments of SHS graduates, as well as pushed for procurement reforms resulting in textbooks and e-learning cart purchases for public schools nationwide.

For teachers and non-teaching personnel, Duterte said the DepEd has issued a policy to provide

mechanism for their workload and overtime pay, removed their administrative tasks, institutionalized a 30-day break, entered into a pact with the Commission on Elections and the Public Attorney’s Office to give legal aid to teachers during elections, as well as the Government Service and Insurance System for DepEd special lanes and premium contributions, and cooperated with the World Bank to conduct a study for teachers’ salary.

Other key projects include the DepEd Mental Health Program, the Learner Rights and Protection Office, and the Telesafe hotline for abuses in schools, among others. (PNA)

### Comelec...

running for public positions and political parties.

*“What shall we do with social media influencers, the content creators hired by candidates? That is where we want to establish some form of regulation by the Commission,”* he added.

The poll body chief also said they will also monitor the expenses of social media influencers who will be hired by candidates.

He said they will be partnering with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) in checking their income.

*“During the campaign, these social media influencers get paid a huge sum but are not subjected to taxes. These influencers must be taxed,”* Garcia added.

He said such is similar to personalities who appear in commercials and guest appearances for candidates.

*“Once you hire a celebrity or a known singer or a popular personality during the campaigns, the payment must be reported to us,”* he

From page 8

said.

### Citizens arm

Meanwhile, the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) and the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) have been accredited citizens’ arms of the Comelec for the 2025 elections.

In a resolution, the Comelec en banc granted a *“continuing accreditation”* to PPCRV and NAMFREL to serve as the poll body’s citizens arms in all electoral exercises, including those held at the national level.

*“The Commission, after due deliberation, resolves to approve the continuing accreditation of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting and National Movement for Free Elections as citizens’ arms in any and all elections, plebiscites, recalls, and referenda to be conducted by the Commission on Elections,”* it said.

At the same time, the Commission has required

the two poll watchdogs to submit some requirements which include a complete list of officers, respective provincial, municipal, and city coordinators or their equivalent.

They are also ordered to submit comprehensive or detailed plans of action and activities leading to the 2025 national and local polls and thereafter and to report their accomplishments and recommendations after each electoral exercise.

*“Non-compliance shall result to the revocation of said continuing accreditation,”* the Comelec warned.

Last month, Garcia has recommended for continuing accreditation of the two groups citing the *“innumerable elections and democratic processes”* conducted by the Comelec in the past with the two organizations being *“reliable sources”* of observations and recommendations in the effective exercise of the right to suffrage. (PNA)

### Lawmaker:...

loss of income, and even indebtedness, especially among the poor.

Under HB 10531, the construction of potable water supply system will be led by the National Water Resources Board, in coordination with the Department of Health, DENR, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The program shall prioritize areas with social and health problems due to waterborne diseases.

The proposed measure outlines program guidelines, which include equitable distribution in provinces and municipalities, participation of local government units, and the management and maintenance of the potable water supply system that will be built.

Once enacted into law, an initial appropriation of PHP500 million will be provided for the implementation of the Act, with subsequent allocations to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act until the program is completed. Lee said HB 10531 aligns with the earlier order of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for the DENR

From page 8

to come up with concrete solutions to provide sufficient water supply to the millions of Filipinos who still have no access to fresh water.

President Marcos has also ordered the proper use and disposal of rainwater by making it a clean and potable water source.

*“The Filipinos deserve better, so we should demand better water supply system that would cater to every community in the country. Gamitin natin ang pondo ng gobyerno sa mga makabuluhang proyekto tulad ng pagtatayo ng mga pasilidad na mag-su-supply ng ligtas na inumin sa ating mga kababayan (Government funds should be used in meaningful projects like the establishment of safe water supply facilities for the people),”* Lee said.

*“Winner tayo lahat kapag may access ang bawat pamilya sa ligtas at malinis na tubig, sa sapat, masustansya at murang pagkain, at kung hindi tayo nangangamba na mawalan ng kabuhayan at kita dahil sa pagkakasakit (Everybody wins if each family has access to safe and clean water, nutritious and cheap food, and do not have to worry over losing their livelihoods due to illness),”* he said. (PNA)

## Filipinos urged to learn CPR

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Wednesday called on Filipinos to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to become first responders in times of emergency where every second counts.

In a media forum coinciding with the National CPR Day, DOH spokesperson Albert Domingo said CPR bridges the gap between life and the loss of it during a cardiac arrest as its administration causes the heart to beat again.

“In the high-income countries, the CPR training rate is up to 50 percent, still low if you think of it, but in other countries including the Philippines, it is much lower, maybe it is only two out of 10 people, 23 percent,” he said.

He said cerebral perfusion or the delivery of blood to the brain is affected

when the heart stops beating, causing brain damage.

Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Secretary General Gwendolyn Pang said about 70,000 out of 119 million Filipinos suffer from cardiac arrest and only 1 percent are given CPR.

“In 2014, Samboy Lim, a basketball player, while stretching, he collapsed. When he collapsed, no one, unfortunately was there, who was able to provide CPR to him,” she said.

“He was brought to the hospital after 23 minutes, fortunately, he was alive, but was in coma (comatose) for several years.”

Pang said Lim’s comatose period could have been shortened if he were given CPR within 5 minutes following his collapse.

Philippine Heart Association president Rodney Jimenez said they support the DOH and the PRC in

promoting life-saving skills and CPR training.

He said the PHA has its CPR ready advocacy since 2015 and CPR Wings and Wheels where hands only CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) skills are taught.

“We are trying to institutionalize BLS (basic life support) training with AED amongst the first responders, the police, the teachers, the barangay health workers. Also, with the help of our partners, we’re trying to lobby the AED Law, now we’re able to speak with Congressman Richard Gomez, Senator Bong

Go, Senator Lito Lapid, Nancy Binay and Congressman Ciriaco Gado Jr.,” he added.

Citing that early CPR has increased survival rate from 31 percent to 62 percent among out-of-the-hospital setting cardiac arrest cases in Southeast Asia, American Heart Association regional faculty Vicente de Lima Jr. said every Filipino could learn about CPR through the establishment training kiosks in strategic areas like schools and local government units.

Domingo said the DOH offers basic life support didactic e-course which can be accessed by anyone with

internet connection.

“Magtipon-tipon siguro ‘yung mga offices ‘yung mga grupo-grupo sa mga barangay (Groups in offices and barangays may gather together). You can invite the DOH Health Emergency Management Bureau through email, that is free, service of the DOH, they have trainers,” he said.

On March 27, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. declared July 17 of every year as the National CPR Day under Proclamation 511 to promote national health awareness among Filipinos. (PNA)



CPR-READY PH. Some 253 Pasiguenos join a nationwide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awareness campaign at the Pasig City Complex on Caruncho Avenue in Pasig City on July 25, 2023. The Department of Health on Wednesday (July 17, 2024) called on Filipinos to learn CPR to become first responders in times of emergencies. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

## Calabarzon...

From page 1

Application, an internet-based platform designed to facilitate emergency requests, crime reporting, complaint filing, and community engagement. “This innovative tool bridges the gap between law enforcement and the public, providing timely and effective responses,” he noted.

Meanwhile, Marbil applauded PRO4A’s “RONDA” approach, revitalizing patrol operations and neighborhood watch to enhance public safety through active police

presence. “Let’s maintain vigilance, proactivity, and responsiveness to the communities we serve,” he urged lawmen.

Expressing satisfaction, Marbil reiterated his guidance to the command and commended PRO4A Regional Director Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas for his leadership. “Your dedication forms the backbone of our organization, ensuring a safer environment for all,” he said. (PNA)

## Calabarzon...

From page 1

Ivo Nikolai Enot (2:01.10); and was part of the winning 4x100m freestyle team with Kevin Arguzon, Eric Jacob Umali and Nimrod Montera (3:38.83), beating NCR’s Hugh Antonio Parto, Admiel Percy Sajise, Rain Andrei Tumulac and Enot (3:39.80); and Central Luzon’s Timothy Ram Capulong, Ian Patrick Aquino, Seb Rafael Santos and Gerald Joven Esquivel (3:46.21).

Amaro collected a total of seven gold medals, the others coming from the 50m and 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, and 4x100m medley relay with Dean, Joart Calderon and Reineile Jan Mikos Trinidad.

Meanwhile, Mojdeh clocked 5:12.19 in the 400m Individual Medley (IM) for her fifth gold medal in the girls’ 13-18 category. She bested Lhiazel Fei Dollente of NCR (5:25.91) and Kacie Gabrielle Tionko of Central

Visayas (5:31.50).

Mojdeh also won the 200m IM, 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and 200m breaststroke, the last two events she won in record-fashion.

Dean topped the boys’ 13-18 400m IM with a time of 4:50.26, beating Anton Paulo Dominick Della of Ilocos Region (4:51.91) and Aishel Cid Evangelista of National Capital Region (4:53.29).

It was Dean’s fourth gold medal after dominating the 200m IM, 4x50m medley relay and 4x100m medley relay.

As of 7:30 p.m., perennial champion NCR has an overall tally of 61-47-56 gold-silver-bronze, followed by Calabarzon (42-32-36) and Western Visayas (39-29-31).

NCR has 27-14-18 in the elementary level, followed by Western Visayas (16-13-7) and Calabarzon (14-12-14).

## PH...

From page 1

efforts.

Prime Solar has also secured a 50-megawatt power supply agreement with the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) for 20 years.

The Department of Energy (DOE) requires distribution utility companies like Meralco to source at least 2.52 percent of their energy

requirement from RE sources.

Moreover, Lucci said the Maragondon solar power plant is poised to enhance economic growth and energy security in the region by creating local employment opportunities and stimulating economic activities related to RE development and maintenance.

“Trust that we will continue to support the national government’s agenda transition to clean energy sources, and we will proactively explore opportunities within the renewable space while capitalizing on innovative solutions to achieve energy security, dependability and affordability,” he said. (PNA)

In the secondary level, NCR is ahead with 34-33-38, Calabarzon has 28-20-22 and Western Visayas 23-15-24.

In the volleyball secondary girls, NCR (Far Eastern University-Diliman High School) and Western

Visayas (Bacolod Tay Tung High School) will dispute the title at San Jose-Recoletos Basak Campus on Monday.

John Benedict Aguilar of Saint Agnes Academy-Albay, meanwhile, bagged Bicol Region’s first ever tennis

gold, beating Lexious Gabriel Cruz of Central Luzon, 8-1, in Saturday’s final.

Bicol is running eighth overall with 13-12-12. (PNA)



Albert Jose Amaro II of Calabarzon Region, winner of seven gold medals in the Cebu City Palarong Pambansa (Photo courtesy of PSC Media Pool)

# EDITORIAL

## Somebody's wish fulfilled

"It has been the widespread experience in the region of economic muscles being flexed and financial lifelines extended to keep small nations subservient to one country's objectives.

As the United States' reliability in the Far East wobbles, Japan is stepping in to fill its shoes and provide security that is more accessible to Asians than having to go halfway around the world for it.

The imminent second Donald Trump era is making the world adjust their expectations of the US since the first iteration revealed an inward-looking administration, in which international commitments were secondary.

The recent signing of the country's strategic alliance with Japan, the second after the US for the Philippines, came just in time as a second Trump presidency looms.

Many are betting that while Trump will keep the economic pressure on China primarily to secure more access for US products in the huge Asian market, a Trump administration would be willing to compromise on regional security arrangements.

Japan is undergoing a fundamental shift in its involvement and willingness to take on a leadership role in the region.

Unlike its rival power, Japan uses its economic muscle to help nations in the region attain a self-sustaining economy.

It has been the widespread experience in the region of economic muscles being flexed and financial lifelines extended to keep small nations subservient to one country's objectives.

The recently signed Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) with Japan has features similar to the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement with the United States, opening the signatory countries to mutually developing defense capabilities.

It will primarily lift restrictions on military exchanges between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Japan Self-Defense Forces.

The Philippines is always on the frontlines of security issues in the region because of geography, which makes it in the interest of other nations to strengthen the country's capabilities.

The pact with Japan becomes extremely important because of the likelihood of a

substantial reduction in US forces in the region after the November elections.

The agreement allows for the holding of "joint military exercises and disaster relief operations" both in the Philippines and Japan.

Before the signing of the RAA, Japanese troops could only participate in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions and act as observers in joint military exercises, such as the annual "Balikatan" with the US.

Japan has a pacifist Constitution that bars any involvement in an armed conflict outside of its territory but it is not forbidden to provide training and extend military assistance.

The strategic alliance was brought about by necessity due to similar territorial challenges in which the 2016 Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling has a great bearing.

In signing the pact, both nations underlined the need for the international community to speak out on the importance of maintaining and strengthening the free and open international order based on the rule of law.

Both nations branded the recent face-off over a supply mission to the grounded BRP Sierra Madre as obstructing freedom of navigation and disrupting supply lines, "thus increasing tensions."

Ministers of the partner countries met to draft a program of deterrence primarily through joint patrols to maintain a military equilibrium.

The ministers emphasized that both trilateral and multilateral cooperation grant nations the ability to uphold international peace and security through shared values.

China has made known its position that Asians should decide their future, which is what the new alliance will make possible.

Another wish of the arm-twisting nation is that those involved in territorial spats should not allow third-party intervention, which the new alliance of protagonists of the Asian giant meets.

A Code of Conduct among the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan may even be better, rather than waiting for the expansionist nation to make up its mind to sign a binding deal.



# KAPIRASONG Kritika

Ni kapirasongkritika6

## Baligtad ng Dekada 80

### PART 3

Sa antas-pambansa, pinakamalawak na protesta ang sumalubong sa usapin ng pork barrel noong rehimeng Aquino at ng paglilibing kay Marcos sa Libingan ng mga Bayani nitong rehimeng Duterte. Sa mga usaping ito, nagsanib ang organisadong hanay at ang ispontanyong pagkilos ng mga mamamayan, at lumahok ang malalaking personalidad. Nagsanib ang masiglang propaganda sa social media at direkta sa masa – at katonang midya ng malalaking kapitalista. Ang dalawang isyu, parehong patunay ng pagpapatuloy ng popular na galit sa pagdambong sa kabang-bayan at pasismo sa mga mamamayan.

Naging matunog naman sa balita ang rebeldeng New People's Army sa mga taktikal na opensiba laban sa mga kumpanya ng pagmimina, na umani ng malawak na suporta ng mga mamamayan at nagpatampok sa isyu ng pagmimina ng malalaking kapitalista. Malakas din ang martsang parangal para kay Leoncio "Kumander Parago" Pitao noong 2015 at ang pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo ng Communist Party of the Philippines noong 2016, parehong sa Mindanao. Sa kabila ng matinding panunupil sa ilalim ni Aquino, naging bukambibig pa rin ni Duterte at laman ng balita ang pagbabanta pareho sa CPP at NPA.

Syempre pa, mas

maraming pagkakatulad-pagpapaigting sa dalawang rehimen, at malinaw na mas masahol ang kay Duterte. Sa patuloy na pagpapatupad ng mga patakarang neoliberal, lalong humina ang industriya at agrikultura, at mas sumandig sa sektor ng serbisyo. Lalong umasa sa mga salbabida ng ekonomiya, sa remitans ng mga OFW at sa call centers o BPO – at tanong ngayon ang epekto ng tanggalan sa mga pinapadalhang bansa at ng pagsasa-kompyuter o automation. Lumala ang mga suliranin ng bansa mula kahirapan, kawalang-trabaho at kawalang-lupa, hanggang trapik at komersyalisado pero palpak na serbisyo.

Masasabi namang may apat na pandaigdigang penomenon na malaki ang epekto sa Pilipinas nitong dekada. Una, ang nagpapatuloy na pandaigdigang krisis sa ekonomiya na pumutok noong 2008, na nakakapagpahina sa pamumuhunan at empleyo. Ikalawa, ang paglakas ng China bilang pandaigdigang kapangyarihan, na makikita sa mga isyu sa West Philippine Sea at sa ekonomiya. Ikatlo, ang pagusbong ng awtoritarianismo sa maraming bansa, sa gitna ng nagpapatuloy na pagpapatupad sa mga patakarang neoliberal at ng krisis. At ikaapat, ang climate change na makikita sa bansa lalo na sa mga papatinding bagyo at baha.

Sa pagsasara ng 2019, maririnig ang ilang

komentaristang anti-Duterte na nagpapahayag ng siphayo sa pagiging mahina ng oposisyon – na ang tinutukoy ay ang burgis na oposisyon. May pauna na ng malagim na hula na matatalo ito sa eleksiyong 2022 at magpapatuloy ang paghaharing Duterte, sa pamamagitan ng mga pulitikong ginagawang bida ngayon. Mayroon pang pinagi-iiba ang sitwasyon sa US kung saan may pananabik umano sa pagtalo sa eleksyon sa rehimen ni Donald Trump, o takot din sa pagkatalo rito – habang "pagtanggap" daw ang namamayani sa hanay ng mga pwersang anti-Duterte sa Pilipinas.

Nakakulong ang ganitong pagsusuri sa maraming prehuwisyo, na perwisyo: eleksyon ang tanging paraan para tanggalin ang pangulo, at ang burgis na oposisyon lang ang pag-asa. Ang tinatanggihan, ang mga aral ng pagpapatalsik sa diktadurang Marcos, isa pang dahilan para iugnay ang nagdaang dekada at kasalukuyan sa dekada 70 at 80: ang kilusang masa ang gulugod at nagsustine hanggang lumawak at lumapad. Malawak ang organisado kaya malawak ang ispontanyo. Malakas ang mga aksyong lansangan kaya nakapagpatalsik kahit pinalabas na natalo sa eleksyon. Kahit ang oposisyon, nakinabang sa lakas ng mga pwersa ng rebolusyon.

06 Enero 2020

Ang  
**CAVITENO**  
NEWSWEEKLY

LINGGUHANG PAHAYAGAN NG LALAWIGAN NG CAVITE NA INILALATHALA TUWING LUNES / PRINTING PLANT: SINAG PUBLISHING & PRINTING SERVICES, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. PARIAN, CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA. TEL NOS. (049) 834-6261 & (049) 5763112 / OFFICE ADDRESS: BLK. 25, LOT 4 PH-1 GREENSBOROUGH SUBD., SABANG, DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE / SUBSCRIPTION FEE: ONE YEAR P360.00 SIX MONTHS: P180.00 / COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING RATE: P200 PER COLUMN CM AND LEGAL NOTICES P160 PER COLUMN CM / MEMBER: PAPERS INC.,/ REMEDIOS E. DELA PEÑA PUBLISHER/ RAIA JENNIFER E. DELA PEÑA MANAGING EDITOR / P.L. VILLA, RC ASA CONTRIBUTING EDITORS / JACQUILOU LIRIO, NATALIE FLORENCE DELA PEÑA, STAFF WRITERS / RUEL LANDICHO LAY-OUT ARTIST/. EMAIL ADD: tambuli\_press@yahoo.com & sinagprinting@gmail.com

ISSN: 0115-9038

# TOWN in FOCUS

TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS TOWN in FOCUS

## New rain, water monitoring tech seen to boost city's disaster efforts

By Zen Trinidad

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – Newly installed rain and water level monitoring equipment of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Calabarzon is expected to level up the disaster prevention and resilience efforts in Carmona City in the province of Cavite.

In a phone interview

on Wednesday, Harley Margallo, spokesperson of DOST-Calabarzon's Public Affairs, Relations, and Communications Unit, highlighted the significance of the state-of-the-art automated rain gauge (ARG) and water level monitoring system (WLMS) technologies developed by DOST-Advanced Science and Technology

Institute's (DOST-ASTI) Community Empowerment through Science and Technology program.

*"The deployment of ARG and WLMS technologies in Carmona City underscores our commitment to enhancing weather monitoring capabilities and fortifying disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation*

measures," Margallo said.

She said the ARG and WLMS systems that were installed last week were designed to provide real-time data on rainfall intensity and water levels. This capability enables early warning issuance and facilitates prompt responses during adverse weather conditions, thereby bolstering public safety and community awareness.

Margallo added these installations represent a pivotal advancement in safeguarding Carmona City against natural disasters.

*"Moving forward, we anticipate that these systems will not only mitigate risks but also empower local authorities and residents to manage and mitigate the impact of environmental challenges proactively,"* she added. (PNA)



ADVANCED WATER MONITORING SYSTEMS. The automated rain gauge and water level monitoring system developed by DOST-Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI) and installed recently in two villages in Carmona City, Cavite province. Harley Margallo, spokesperson of DOST-Calabarzon's Public Affairs, Relations, and Communications Unit, said Wednesday (July 17, 2024) the technologies are expected to step up the disaster prevention and resilience efforts in the city. (Photo courtesy of DOST PARCU)

## CAVITEVIEW

### IMIN Museum: Remembering the near-forgotten Little Tokyo

By Rudolph Alama

Tucked inside a residential area in Davao City's Calinan District, 40 minutes away from the city's downtown stands a museum that takes visitors to a bygone pre-war era when this portion of Davao City was called Little Tokyo—the home of the largest Japanese community in the country.

*"This museum was built in 1994 through the generosity of a Japanese who was born in Davao, Mr. Uchida together with the Tokyo Mushashino Lions Club. This museum is a repository of the rich history of Japanese descendants who used to live in Davao City,"* says Karina Melissa Yoshida Cadiogan, head curator of the IMIN Philippine-Japan Historical Museum.

The history of Japanese migration to Davao started in 1903 when American abaca planters started bringing in workers from Japan to work in the vast abaca plantations. The first batch of migrants were led by Suda Ryosuke from Kagoshima Prefecture.

*"They came to Davao to have a better life and that is how their story started, from then on they became abaca farmers, they had abaca plantations around Davao and they married Filipinas, they had their own families here. And Davao gave them a better life, far from the life they had in Japan,"* Cadiogan says.

*"They can be compared to our OFWs (Overseas Filipino Workers) going abroad to have a better life, these Japanese immigrants came here to search and find a better life in Davao,"* added Cadiogan, who is a fourth

generation Nikkei Jin (a person of Japanese descent), one of the 8,000-10,000 Nikkei Jins currently living in Davao City.

The Japanese community prospered as these settlers became successful and owned abaca plantations, one of these successful abaca entrepreneurs is Ohta Kyozauro, who established a plantation in Mintal and is considered as the *"father of abaca development."*

Most of the progressive pre-war Japanese community in Davao resided along the Mintal-Calinan-Toril area where most of the fertile abaca plantations were located. At its heyday Davao hosted the largest Japanese migrant community in Southeast Asia reaching as high as 20,000 people. There were Japanese schools, stores, restaurants, hospitals, photo studios, and many other businesses lining the streets of Davao.

With abaca one of world's in-demand export commodity, the Japanese mechanization of the abaca stripping through a machine called Hagutan enabled them to strip and produce more fibers to be exported as marine cordage for the growing merchant and naval shipping market and which gave them enormous profits making the Japanese rich and influential.

Not many know that Davao City was created primarily to nip the Japanese influence in the area. The Municipality of Davao and the Municipal District of Guianga where much of the Japanese plantations are located was merged into one city in 1937. The early Davao City Mayors were appointed and not elected, as the commonwealth government feared that the

Japanese would control the local elections.

However the good days would come to an end with World War II. And when allied liberation came alongside the defeat of Japan, these immigrants including the children of Japanese parents would be repatriated to their homeland.

But the Filipino spouses and children of the Filipino under 15 years of age would not be permitted to go to Japan. Cut off from their spouses and parents and with strong anti-Japanese sentiment prevailing during the post-war years, many hid in the mountains and tried to conceal their Japanese identity.

As friendship and amity were restored between the two countries particularly during the 1962 Philippine visit of Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, which marked a milestone in the reconciliation process, groups of Japanese started to visit the country and in 1968 a batch of 80 former Japanese immigrants made a sentimental return journey to Davao.

This would start the annual tradition of Iresai, a ceremony to honor their ancestors. Groups of Japanese tourists would come to Davao City in the month of August and proceed to the Mintal Public Cemetery to visit the graves of their ancestors. Mintal, a barangay near Calinan was once the site of a large Japanese community and is often referred to as Little Tokyo.

In 1980, the second-generation Nikkei Jin (Japanese descendants) would form the Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai Incorporated (PNJK) whose

main thrust is *"to restore the lost image and identity of the war-displaced Japanese Descendants Society in the Philippines."*

One of PNJK's main supporters is Uchida Tatsuo, a Davao-born Japanese, and a successful businessman in Japan who would put up the Imin Museum in 1994 inside the Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai School in Calinan.

The museum would be renovated in 2019 under the Japanese Grassroots Cultural Funding Cooperation (GGP) of the Japanese Government and additional funding coming from Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai Inc. and the Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai International School.

#### The new museum

*"Imin"* means migration in Japanese and the museum presents the life of Japanese settlers in Davao during the early 20th century.

The 2019 renovation meant better and comfortable exhibit space with old artifacts, visual materials and digital videos. The museum is curated in such a way that it is interactive where visitors can try out Iminshi (migrants) culture and lifestyle during that era.

*"We try to make the museum interactive, we don't want to be a boring museum, if the tourists come they will not regret coming here,"* Cadiogan says.

Visitors can have the opportunity to wear Yukata, traditional attire which was worn in the Davao community. One can also sit and try a Zashikia style- traditional dinner seating

arrangement with a low table on tatami flooring. The main museum area is a replica of the old 1930s San Pedro Street where many Japanese owned shops were located. There are also exhibits on abaca and the Hagutan, which gave prosperity to the Japanese in Davao.

She says the IMIN complements the museums in the city as it shows Davao City's march to progress.

*"It's not just a museum for the Japanese descendants but it's a museum for the city to showcase how it was built from the 1900s. If you visit the museum you will see the progress of the city,"*

One part of the museum shows the impact of World War II to the Japanese community in Davao, which for Japan Consul General in Davao, Yoshishisa Ishikawa provides a valuable lesson to museum visitors.

*"The most important mission of Imin is to tell what happened in the past. Most Japanese tourists don't know the history. Imin will help them be aware of the past,"* Consul General Ishikawa said.

He says the museum in essence tells the story of friendship and peace.

The IMIN Philippine-Japan Historical Museum is open Mondays to Saturdays (Sundays visit need advance booking) 8:00 am- 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Entrance Fee is pegged at P100 for adults (18 years old and above), P80 for PWDs and senior citizens and P50 for children. (RVC/RG Alama, PIA-XI)

## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT/UNDERTAKING

## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, Belen A. Guzman, of legal age, Filipino, with postal and residence address at Block 10 Lot 33, Daisy St. Villa de Primarosa, Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite 4103, Philippines, under and by virtue of these presents and in my personal capacity, do hereby guarantee and undertake to pay and reimburse any third person/s who may be prejudiced and damaged by virtue of my withdrawal on the deposit account of the late Sergio S. Guzman under account number (please state if SA/CA/HYSA etc.) Savings Account/s.

I further agree to indemnify Land Bank of the Philippines for whatever damage or prejudice it may suffer from any and all claims to be made by any third person in connection with the above stated account and in my withdrawal therefrom in an amount, which is twice the amount of the decedent's deposit. This Deed and my undertaking contained herein shall be enforceable against me and my successors in interest for four years from the date of withdrawal.

The undersigned also guarantees that my co heir CATHERINE GUZMAN SPENCER who executed the waiver of right to claim the deposit under the above described account in may favor pursuant to the Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the late Sergio S. Guzman dated are also, the latter's legal heir.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this \_JULY 10, 2024 at \_ Imus City, Cavite.

Signed in the presence of:  
Catherine Guzman Spencer and Belen A. Guzman

Republic of the Philippines  
City/Municipality of Imus City, Cavite)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the Imus City, Cavite on \_JULY 10, 2024, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who exhibited his/her identification card OSCA-2002165852 issued on \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_, and is known to me to be the person who executed the same as an act of his/her free will and deed.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the place and on the date first hereinabove written.

Doc. No. 168  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Page No. 35  
Book No. I  
Series of 2024

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly  
July 15, 22 & 29, 2024

## GLORY (PHILIPPINES), INC.

Lots 1 & 3 Block 19 Phase 3 Cavite Economic Zone, Rosario, Cavite

## HIRING

## PURCHASING JAPANESE OFFICER - 1

To support the Purchasing Department:

- \* Oversee and manage the overall operation of Purchasing Department;
- \* Ensure attainment of company policy and targets
- \* Handles employee evaluation, endorsement & recommendation for status improvement, promotion & transfer;
- \* Suggest ideas to continually improve your area of responsibility.

Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
City of Bacoor  
Email: rtc1bcrocc@judiciary.gov.ph.  
Telephone No. 09273707489

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),  
Mortgagee,  
Foreclosure No. 2024-118

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
-versus-  
Real Estate Mortgage

MA. CARMEN L. UMALI,  
Mortgagor.

x-----x  
NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118, filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and against the mortgagor, MA. CARMEN L. UMALI at B02 L19 Dollar St., Summerhills Phase 3, Molino 4, Bacoor, Cavite and Lot 19 Blk. 64, PCS-04-023728, Summerhill Townhomes, Ph. 3, Brgy. Molino IV,

Bacoor, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 25, 2024, amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE PESOS & 40/100 (P1,166,635.40), 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 August 20, 2024 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. 167-2022000352

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 19 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-023728, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS.-SUBD. OF LOTS 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, BLOCK 64, PSD-04-023040, L.R.C. REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MOLINO IV, MUN. OF BACOR, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY TWO (52) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

"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 August 28, 2024, 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, July 16, 2024.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA

Clerk of Court VI

By:

DEMETRIO T. VILLANUEVA, JR.

Sheriff IV  
Copy Furnished:  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

JEFFREY A. RAMIENTAS  
2546 A Bonifacio St., Bangkal, Makati City

MA. CARMEN L. UMALI  
B02 L19 Dollar St., Summerhills Phase 3, Molino 4, Bacoor, Cavite  
Lot 19 Blk. 64, PCS-04-023728, Summerhill Townhomes, Ph. 3, Brgy. Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly  
July 22, 29, & August 05, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG Fund)  
JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
Mortgagee,  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
-versus-  
AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

VICTORIO P. AGGABAO married to  
SHEILA E. AGGABAO,  
Mortgagors,

F.C. Case No. 18590-23  
x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against VICTORIO P. AGGABAO married to SHEILA E. AGGABAO of legal age, Filipino citizens, mortgagor, with residential and postal address at Condo B3, EP Villegas Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City and/or Lot 1, Block 16, Greenplace Homes, Phase 2, Malagasang 2A, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 17, 2023 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS

AND 44/100 (Php562,924.44), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on August 13, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016063206

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1 BLOCK 16 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-024955, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1846-A, PSD-28429 & 1845-A-2, (LRC) PSD-223425, L.R.C. RECORD NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF MALAGASANG 2, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 2, BLOCK 16; ON THE SW., & NW., ALONG LINE 2-3-4-5-6 BY ROAD LOT 31; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 6-7 BY ROAD LOT 32; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 7-1 BY LOT 3, BLOCK 16 ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. X X X"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances

thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, June 24, 2024.

(SGD) MHINARD SANTOS

Sheriff IV

BRANCH 122  
APPROVED BY:

(SGD) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished:  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. ANTONIO E. ESCOBER  
Attorney-In-Fact, CONSORTIUM (Tagayuna Panopio Escobar Law Firm, ESP  
Collection Agency, Panopio Escobar Law Offices)  
2/F AZPHI Bldg., Ma. Aurora St., cor. E. Zobel St., Brgy. Poblacion, Makati City

VICTORIO P. AGGABAO married to SHEILA E. AGGABAO  
Condo B3, EP Villegas Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City and/or Lot 1, Block 16, Greenplace Homes, Phase 2, Malagasang 2A, Imus, Cavite

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly  
July 22, 29, & August 05, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
IMUS CITY, CAVITE

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
Mortgagee,

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
-versus-  
AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

JOEMAR R. CALINAGAN,

Mortgagor,

FC Case No. 19087-24

x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by SECURITY BANK CORPORATION, mortgagee, with principal office at Security Bank Centre Building, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, against JOEMAR R. CALINAGAN, with residence and postal address at (1) Urban Deca Homes Hampton, Unit 205 Building 21, Barangay Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite, (2) 1003 Masbate Street, Sampalok, Manila, (3) Blk. 1 Lot 16, Brecia Citta Italia, Bacoor City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of May 27, 2024 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND FOURTEEN PESOS and 03/100

E X T R A -

ACT 3135

(P1,589,014.03), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on August 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Imus, Multiple Sala, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2023000065

"SECOND FLOOR RESIDENTIAL LEVEL, B21-205, CONDO MODEL-STUDIO TYPE, WITH THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF (26.80) MORE OR LESS OF THE URBAN DECA HOMES HAMPTON.

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2017018331 which embraces and describes the land located at BARANGAY BUHAY NA TUBIG, IMUS, CAVITE with an area of FORTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE (41,871) Square Meter, x x x "

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 20, 2024 without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for

themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, July 5, 2024.

(SGD) ISRAEL S. MEDINA

Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

(SGD) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished:

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,  
Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. ALVIN JOSEPH G. CONSTANTINO  
c/o CONSTANTINO AND ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE  
CALO Bldg., No. 12, Mapagkumbaba St., Sikatuna, Quezon City

JOEMER R. CALINAGAN

1) Urban Deca Homes Hampton, Unit 205 Building 21,  
Barangay Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite  
(2) 1003 Masbate Street, Sampalok, Manila  
(3) Blk. 1 Lot 16, Brecia Citta Italia, Bacoor City, Cavite

Ang Caviteño Newsweekly

July 22, 29 and August 5, 2024

CSCO (PHILS) CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

PCAB License AAA / Email: cscophils@gmail.com

Looking for qualified applicant:

Position: Project Coordinator

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain and monitor project plans, project schedules, work hours, budgets, and expenditures.
- Scheduling stakeholder meeting and facilitating communication between the project manager and stakeholder throughout the project cycle.
- Ensuring projects adhere to frameworks and all documentation is maintained appropriately for each project.
- Participate in project design meetings and propose improvements if necessary.
- Assess project risk and issues and provide solutions where applicable.
- Communicate with clients to identify and define project requirements, scope and objectives.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/ college Degree in Commerce, Business Administration, Management, Engineering or related field
- Strong working knowledge of Project Management Software
- Proven work experience as a Project Coordinator or similar role
- Minimum of 5years contract experience in construction or engineering preferred;
- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Mandarin Language;
- Must be Mandarin speaking, excellent interpersonal skills, excellent communication skills, attention to detail and leadership skills

GLORY (PHILIPPINES), INC.

Lots 1 & 3 Block 19 Phase 3 Cavite Economic Zone, Rosario, Cavite

HIRING

PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY JAPANESE OFFICER - 1

To support the Production Technology Section:

- \* Oversee and manage the overall operation of Production Technology
- \* Ensure attainment of company policy and targets
- \* Handles employee evaluation, endorsement & recommendation for status improvement, promotion & transfer;
- \* Suggest ideas to continually improve your area of responsibility.

DSWD disburses P21.8-B  
in social pension for 3.7M  
indigent seniors

By Zaldy De Layola

MANILA – Over 3.7 million indigent senior citizens nationwide have received their social pension in the first half of 2024, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Assistant Secretary and Spokesperson Irene Dumlao said on Wednesday.

"The DSWD has disbursed a total of PHP21.8 billion for the first half of 2024 to some 3,723,323 indigent senior citizens nationwide. This year, the department started to distribute the increased pension of PHP1,000 from PHP500," Dumlao said in a news release.

The Social Pension (SocPen) is a program under Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" which provides a monthly stipend amounting to PHP500 to indigent senior citizens to augment their daily subsistence and medical needs.

As mandated by Republic Act 11916 also known as "An Act Increasing the Social Pension of Senior Citizens", which lapsed into law in July 2022, indigent senior citizens are now entitled to a monthly stipend of PHP1,000 from the previous PHP500 per month starting January 2024.

These SocPen are being distributed on a semestral basis at PHP6,000 per semester or PHP1,000 per month for a period of six months.

"Seniors who are qualified to receive social pension are any elderly, aged 60 years old and above who are frail, sickly or with disability and without any pension from other government agencies," Dumlao said.

Also eligible to receive social pensions are seniors without a permanent source of income and source of financial assistance or compensation to support their basic needs, Dumlao added. (PNA)

DA: Jan-June meat  
imports hit 640M kg  
amid ASF, avian flu,  
El Niño

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday reported that the country has imported more than 600 million kilograms of meat in the first half of the year due to the effects of African swine fever (ASF), avian flu, and the El Niño phenomenon.

"The grand total is 647 million kilograms, ang pinakamalaki ay sa (the largest is in) pork at 317 million kg, chicken 222 million (kg)," DA Assistant Secretary Arnel De Mesa said in an interview.

The total is higher than the 590.766 million kilograms of meat imported from January to June last year.

De Mesa said this was due to the limited supply of local pork due to the ASF, and the low production in the poultry sector caused by the El Niño and avian influenza.

For ASF, the DA earlier reported the approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on the government use of ASF vaccines from Vietnam.

However, a six-month controlled vaccination will have to be undertaken first before it can be used commercially.

Meat Importers and Traders Association (MITA) president emeritus Jesus Cham also attributed the importation hike to the decreased local output alongside higher production cost.

"This suggests that the high price of local pork and poultry continue to make imported meat competitive and attractive," he said in a separate Viber message.

Earlier, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) reported the total meat import at more than 524.675 million kilograms for the first five months of the year.

This includes 253.55 million kg import volume of pork, 181.23 million kg. of chicken, 68.53 million kg of beef, and 20.44 million kg of buffalo, with the lowest import volume recorded for duck, lamb, and turkey.

Cham, meanwhile, said Executive Order (EO) No. 62 approved by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. would "lend stability and predictably" for meat importers until 2028.

Under EO 62, the lower tariffs for pork, fresh, chilled, or frozen meat will remain at 15 percent for in-quota and 25 percent for out-quota. (PNA)

PRO-4A activates task  
group to probe Aussie  
couple's deaths

By Zen Trinidad

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Police Regional Office (PRO) in Calabarzon (PRO-4A) activated on Friday "Special Investigation Task Group DAVID FISK" to look into the deaths of an Australian couple and a Filipina at The Lake Hotel in Tagaytay City, Cavite.

The victims have been identified as "David," a 57-year-old Australian citizen, his partner "Lucita," a 55-year-old Filipina who has acquired Australian citizenship, and "Mary," a 30-year-old Filipina.

The victims were discovered in their hotel room on Wednesday afternoon with their hands and feet bound, and their mouths taped shut.

In a statement, PRO-4A Regional Director Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas said the task group's primary objective is to swiftly identify and apprehend the suspect, or suspects, responsible for the crime.

He emphasized the importance of leveraging gathered evidence and CCTV footage to trace the perpetrator.

"We are currently conducting a thorough investigation based on the evidence collected so far. Our task group is diligently working on backtracking CCTV footage and pursuing leads to identify the suspect. Updates on this case will be provided as new information emerges," Lucas said.

"We are committed to ensuring that justice is served for this heinous crime." (PNA)

For your printing requirements

For quotation request, please contact us at (049) 834-6261 or email us at sinagprinting@gmail.com

Parian Nat'l Highway, Calamba City, Laguna  
 Contact us: Telefax: (049) 834-6261 • Mobile: 09205819079  
 Email add: tambuli\_press@yahoo.com.ph

# Lawmaker: Establish rural potable water supply systems nationwide

By Jose Cielito Reganit

MANILA – AGRI Party-list Rep. Wilbert Lee on Monday called for the passage of a measure seeking to establish a nationwide potable water supply system throughout the country in three years to address the need of millions of Filipinos, especially in rural areas.

In pushing for House Bill (HB) 10531 or the “Rural Potable Water Supply Act”, Lee cited data from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which showed that at least 40 million Filipinos lack

access to clean and safe water supply.

“*Nakakabahala ang datos ng DENR. Access to potable water is a basic human right, kaya napakalaking kasalanan sa taumbayan kung ito pa ang maglalagay sa kanilang buhay sa peligro dahil sa kawalan o kontaminadong supply (it is a grave injustice to the people if the lack of water, or contaminated water, will endanger their lives),*” he said in a news release.

He said the lack of access to clean water could also lead to illness, causing

*Continued on page 2...*



NEW WATER SOURCE. The Highland Hills Water Source Development Project in Bacolod City in this phot taken April 16, 2024. AGRI Partylist Rep. Wilbert Lee on Monday (July 15) called for the passage of a measure that seeks to establish a nationwide potable water supply system throughout the country in three years to address the need of millions of Filipinos, especially in rural areas.(Photo courtesy of Bacolod City PIO)

## Comelec to regulate use of AI in 2025 polls campaign

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is set to come out with guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to promote the candidates in the May 2025 National and Local Elections (NLE), a poll body official said on Thursday.

Comelec chairperson George Garcia made this remark as the poll body officials led a forum with the stakeholders on AI to gather information and inputs on the use of the new technology during the election campaign.

“*Gusto namin malaman hindi naman kabuuan ng AI ang masama, marami din parte ng AI na napakaganda po. When you enhanced yourself sa picture AI yun. Ang AI nakakatulong para makakalap information, napadalang naman na nagamit sya sa kasamaan (We want to know that not all AI is bad, many parts of AI are very good. When you enhanced yourself in the picture, that’s AI. AI helps gather information but it is used for evil),*” he said on the sidelines of the forum at the University of the Philippines, Diliman,

Quezon City.

“*Yan nga po ang gusto nating alamin ano yung parte ng AI na ginagamit sa halalan na dapat na iregulate, na dapat iprohibit kung meron man at kung maprohibit, mareregulate may nabaviolate ba tayong batas or karapatan. So yan po iweigh in natin (That’s what we want to know, what part of AI is used in elections that should be regulated, banned if there is any and if it is banned, will it be regulated, are we violating any laws or rights. So, let’s weigh in on that),*” he added.

He said the main purpose of the forum is to be proactive in the use of new technology.

Garcia said the Comelec is hoping to release the guidelines on the second week of August.

### Social media influencers

He said the poll body will also monitor the participation of social media influencers during the election campaign.

Garcia said they would also like to regulate the dealings of online influencers especially in helping those

*Continued on page 2...*

## VP Sara turns over DepEd helm to Angara

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – Vice President Sara Duterte on Thursday formally turned over the helm of the Department of Education (DepEd) to new Secretary, Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara.

The transition ceremony was held at the DepEd Central Office in Pasig City, a day before Duterte’s resignation takes effect on Friday.

Undersecretary and spokesperson Michael Poa, Undersecretary for Administration Nolasco Mempin, Assistant Secretary Sunshine Fajarda, Assistant Secretary for Procurement Reynold Munsayac, and Assistant Secretary for Administration Noel Baluyan also resigned their posts.

In a media interview, Duterte hoped that Angara would continue the curriculum review and the institutionalization of alternative delivery modes (ADM), among other priority

agenda for the education sector.

“*Alam ko naiintindihan niya ang importansya nito iyong pag-review ng Senior High School (SHS) curriculum, iyong Grades 11 and 12 at pag-implement ng bagong curriculum to make sure na pag-graduate ng mga bata sa Grade 12 ay pwede na silang dumiretso sa trabaho (I know he understands the importance of the SHS curriculum review, the Grades 11 and 12 and the implementation of a new curriculum to make sure that once the Grade 12 learners graduate, they can be immediately hired),*” she said.

Angara, meanwhile, vowed to uphold the welfare of learners and teachers while sustaining critical programs launched by his predecessor.

“*Ang trabaho niyo ang magsisilbing matatag na pundasyon sa mga programa at proyektong na aming isusulong (Your works will serve as our strong foundation for the programs and projects*

*we plan to push). We will build from what you have already started,*” he said in a speech during the turnover ceremony.

“*We want to hit the ground running and we want to learn from all of you here as we go along,*” he added.

Besides the curriculum review and ADM institutionalization, Duterte urged Angara to focus on other programs that remain undelivered including the “*overtime pay of teachers, a universal school-based feeding program for Kindergarten learners, calamity fund for teaching and non-teaching personnel, HMO or health insurance for teaching and non-teaching personnel, and other key areas of MATATAG curriculum launching including MATATAG Center and portal.*”

The MATATAG Curriculum, which was piloted in September 2023, targets to decongest the curriculum and resolve misplaced learning competencies from Kinder to

*Continued on page 2...*