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Comelec inks deal for first mall voting center in Cavite

By Fredmoore Cavan

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Select voters in Tagaytay City, Cavite, are set to vote at the Fora Filinvest Mall for the May 12 national and local elections as the provincial Commission on Elections (Comelec) and

Filinvest signed a partnership for the establishment of a mall voting precinct.

According to Provincial Election Supervisor Mitzelle Veron Morales-Castro, this initiative aims to provide a more accessible, convenient, and comfortable

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BTr fully awards reissued T-bond

By Anna Leah Gonzales

MANILA – The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) fully awarded bids for the re-issued Treasury bond (T-bond) on March 4.

With a remaining term of five years and four months, the re-issued T-bond fetched an average yield of 6.019 percent.

The average yield was slightly higher than the comparable five-year T-bond yield at 5.93 percent as of March 3, 2025.

The auction was nearly 2.0 times oversubscribed with total tenders reaching PHP56.8 billion.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief

economist Michael Ricafort said the total demand during Tuesday's auction was lower than the PHP98.633 billion in the previous 5-year T-bond auction a month ago.

Ricafort said it was also relatively lower compared to other T-bonds with similar tenors seen in previous weeks that "could reflect lower market interest amid Trump tariff concerns."

With the full award, the Auction Committee raised the full program of PHP30 billion.

This brought the the total outstanding volume for the series to PHP224.7 billion. (PNA)

More immigration counters for OFWs to be installed at NAIA T3



PNA file photo by Cristina Arayata

By Ma. Cristina Arayata

MANILA – Seven more immigration counters for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) will be installed at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3.

The additional

counters will be available starting April 1, bringing the total counters for OFWs at Terminal 3 to 14, Bureau of Immigration spokesperson Dana Sandoval told the Philippine News Agency.

Sandoval said an additional 25 immigration

officers will be deployed to operate the new counters.

With the augmentation, Terminal 3 would have a total of 57 workstations in the departure area, while the arrival area has 46 workstations and eight e-gates.

In a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon episode last Feb. 27, Immigration Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado said there would be additional counters for OFWs, but did not provide details.

"Ito ho ang isang magandang ehemplo ng partnership between the private sector and the government na pinangungunahan po ng ating Pangulo, kasi

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House leaders laud gov't gains in rice affordability

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – Speaker Martin Romualdez on Friday commended the government's recent initiatives to make rice more affordable, as he stressed the importance of sustained efforts to maintain these gains.

Romualdez said one of the government's key initiatives is the Department of Agriculture's (DA) declaration of a food security emergency, which allowed the release of National Food Authority's (NFA) rice buffer stocks to stabilize retail prices.

He also noted that the DA set a maximum suggested retail price (MSRP) of PHP49 per kg. for imported rice starting in March, while NFA rice is made available at PHP35 per kg. for low-income households.

The DA confirmed that at least 150,000 metric tons of NFA rice — half of its total 300,000 metric-ton buffer stock — will be released over the next six months.

"Alam natin na ang bawat butil ng bigas ay mahalaga sa bawat pamilyang Pilipino. Nakikita natin ang

mga positibong hakbang ng gobyerno, pero hindi pa tayo dapat makampante (We know that every grain of rice is vital to every Filipino family. We see the government's positive steps, but we should not be complacent)," Romualdez said in a news release.

He said the

government actions directly address the extraordinary rise in rice prices, which persisted despite reductions in global market costs and import tariffs.

The House leader, however, urged lawmakers and candidates in the May 12 midterm elections to engage

directly with constituents to assess the real-world impact of these policies at the grassroots level.

"Hindi sapat ang mga numero at ulat lamang. Kailangan nating bumaba sa ating mga distrito (Numbers and reports are not enough.

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Heads will roll over Isabela bridge collapse – Palace

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. will make sure that heads will roll following the recent collapse of the newly retrofitted Cabagan-Sta. Maria Bridge in Isabela province, Malacañang said on March 1, 2025.

“Nagkausap kami ni Pangulo kahapon regarding this. Ito talaga ay papaimbestigahan (The President

and I talked yesterday regarding this. This is really going to be investigated),” Presidential Communications Office Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said during the Radyo Pilipinas’ Prangkahan Na! Program.

“Kung may bahid man ng korapsyonsanangyaring ito mula pa noong 2014 hanggang sa ngayon, kung meron man, hindi talaga puwedeng hindi

managot. Iyan ang sagot ng Pangulo, lalo na kung may bahid ng korapsyon (If there is any trace of corruption in what happened from 2014 until now, they must really be held accountable. That’s the President’s answer).”

While Castro said the collapse of the newly reopened bridge in Isabela is “not just an ordinary case,” the government still needs to determine the real cause of the incident.

She said it is within

the local government unit’s mandate to assess the integrity of the entire structure of the bridge and coordinate with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) if there is a problem.

“Kapag nalaman natin kung sino ang merong pagkakamali dito at may bahid nga ng korapsyon, kung may bahid ng korapsyon ay dapat may managot, makulong (When we find out who made a mistake here and there is a trace of corruption, someone should be held accountable, sent to jail),” she said.

The third span of the Cabagan-Sta. Maria Bridge, measuring 60 meters, collapsed at about 8 p.m. on Thursday when a dump truck carrying boulders with an estimated gross vehicle weight of about 102 tons passed over

the bridge.

According to reports, six people on board four vehicles, including a child, were injured when the bridge collapsed.

The construction of the bridge commenced in November 2014 and was completed on Feb. 1, 2025 with a total cost of PHP1.22 billion, including the bridge and approaches.

The contractor of the bridge is R.D. Interior, Jr. Construction.

The DPWH said Friday analysis on the cause of failure is underway.

The DPWH 2 (Cagayan Valley) also requested experts from the Bureau of Design and Bureau of Construction of the agency’s central office “to conduct further evaluation and assessment.” (PNA)



COLLAPSED BRIDGE. A portion of the Cabagan-Sta. Maria Bridge in Isabela province collapses Thursday night (Feb. 27, 2025). Malacañang on Saturday (March 1, 2025) said investigations are underway to determine who should be held accountable for the collapse of the newly completed bridge. (Photo courtesy of DPWH)

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effectively implement the project.

“Through collaboration, we lay a stronger foundation for a peaceful, resilient, and food-secure Bangsamoro,” he said.

The WFP would work with the Bangsamoro Food Security Task Force to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and fisherfolk and enhance their market access.

Fortified rice would also be provided to community members as they engage in capacity strengthening activities.

The WFP likewise

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aims to support up to 360,000 people with enhanced access to localized early warning systems, last-mile climate services, and disaster risk management protocols.

“By having this localized weather information, the farmers and fisherfolk can prepare before calamities happen and protect their assets or even change their cropping calendars,” Toshio Murakami, WFP Programme Policy Officer for Smallholder Agricultural Market Support, told the Philippine News Agency.

Following the signing, Murakami said the WFP would

sit down with stakeholders to identify the target areas within the Bangsamoro, especially those prone to flood and drought.

Also present during the ceremony were Deputy Presidential Adviser Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima; BARMM Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform Minister Shuaib Jacob; Chief Hasna Abubakar-Adam of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority-Office of the Director General; and Senior Economic Development Specialist Maria Bianca Lee. (PNA)

Cavite...

over 100 cases each, with Imus leading at 501 cases, followed by Bacoor (456), Dasmariñas (416), General Trias (394), Tanza (335), Cavite City (223), Naic (219), Rosario (141), Kawit (124), and Carmona City (112).

Of the total cases, 33 were severe, 2,126 (63%) showed warning signs, and 1,220 (38%) had no warning signs.

Eight fatalities were recorded, with three from Trece Martires City, two from General Mariano Alvarez, and one each from Silang, Carmona,

and Bacoor.

Imus Mayor Alex Advincula said the Imus City Health Office and City Environment Office are conducting misting, fogging, and cleanup drives in communities to combat the outbreak.

“I remind every barangay to maintain cleanliness. We’ve distributed lotions to schools and are working together to reduce dengue cases,” Advincula said.

Other localities, including General Trias, have also intensified efforts to address the outbreak.

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The Department of Health reported a decrease in dengue cases at 14,460 from Jan. 26 to Feb. 8. The figure is 7 percent lower compared to the 15,550 cases recorded from Jan. 15 to Jan. 25.

Still, the number is 64 percent higher than during the same period in 2024.

Overall, there have been 52,008 reported cases this year as of Feb. 22.

The three regions with the highest number of cases are Calabarzon, where Cavite belongs, with 10,759; National Capital Region with 9,302; and Central Luzon with 8,652. (PNA)

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Photo courtesy of PIA

heartfelt recognition from our government for your sacrifices and valuable contributions to our community. More than just financial assistance, we want to ensure that you receive adequate support and care,” the NCSC said in a statement.

The Imus City Government expressed gratitude to the national government and NCSC officials for choosing the City of Imus as one of the first recipients of the Expanded Centenarians Act of 2024. They noted that all required documents were submitted in an organized manner, complying with NCSC requirements.

Senior citizens and their families also extended their gratitude to the government for the financial gift.

Marissa, daughter of centenarian Nanay Apolinaria, shared that while it is saddening that her mother could not personally receive the recognition and assistance, their family remains grateful. She also hopes that more support will continue to be provided to the elderly.

Nanay Apolinaria

celebrated her 100th birthday on January 5, 2025, but passed away three days later.

Mayor Alex Advincula commended senior citizens for their contributions in shaping the city into one that is more responsive to the needs and well-being of its residents.

In addition to receiving cash gifts, the beneficiaries availed themselves of free medical check-ups, medicines, and vitamins.

They also received wellness packages, including free haircuts, massages, manicures, and pedicures, courtesy of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation also conducted a lecture on the benefits available to senior citizens under the Konsulta Package.

The Expanded Centenarians Act (R.A. 11982), signed by President Marcos on February 26, 2024, grants P10,000 to seniors aged 80, 85, 90, and 95 while maintaining the P100,000 cash gift for centenarians. (RBF, PIA Cavite)

House foreign affairs chair denounces Chinese claim over Palawan



House Committee on Foreign Affairs chairperson and Pangasinan Rep. Rachel Arenas (PNA file photo by Avito Dalan)

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – The chairperson of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on Tuesday denounced Chinese social media posts claiming that Palawan province was once part of China, calling them an attack on Philippine sovereignty and “blatant propaganda.”

In a statement,

Pangasinan 3rd District Rep. Rachel Arenas said such claims are patently false, historically inaccurate, and a glaring disregard of international law.

“The Philippines has always exercised full sovereignty over Palawan. This is an indisputable fact,” Arenas said.

“China’s fabricated claims are blatant propaganda and an attack on

our sovereignty. Palawan has always been and will always remain part of the Philippines. This is an established reality,” she added.

According to posts that circulated on Chinese social media platforms, Palawan was once called Zheng He Island, named after a Chinese explorer.

While the platforms are not official government channels, social media in China is controlled and closely

monitored by the Chinese government.

Arenas called on Philippine government agencies to issue updated maps that delineate the country’s maritime territory, political boundaries, and other significant features.

She said this would counter Beijing’s “excessive and illegal” claims.

Palawan lies outside the so-called nine-dash line that China used on its maps

to claim a vast, resource-rich area in the West Philippine Sea.

The Philippines and China have overlapping claims in the South China Sea, including several features near Palawan.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration ruled in 2016 that China’s claim of historic rights to resources within its so-called nine-dash line had no legal basis. (PNA)

Comelec...

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voting experience for registered voters, particularly senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other priority sectors.

Castro added that Fora Filinvest Mall has passed Comelec’s approval to serve as a polling precinct for the upcoming elections. The mall-turned-polling precinct will cater to 3,267 registered voters from two barangays: Silang Junction North and Silang Junction South.

Under the agreement, designated areas within the mall will be transformed into polling precincts, ensuring compliance with election security and accessibility standards.

Morales-Castro said

this partnership is part of Comelec’s ongoing efforts to enhance voter participation and streamline the electoral process through strategic collaborations with private sector partners.

She added that if this mall voting center would have higher voter turnout and satisfaction, it could lead to a wider shift, with more voting centers possibly transitioning from public schools to malls.

Citing their commitment to providing the necessary facilities, mall officials expressed gratitude to Comelec-Cavite for selecting Fora Mall as one of the voting precincts for the upcoming polls.

“We’re committed to

providing a convenient and accessible space so that every eligible voter in Tagaytay can participate in this important civic duty,” said Assistant Vice President and General Manager Wesley Villanueva.

According to Comelec, a total of 42 malls under eight mall chains across the country will be converted into voting precincts on May 12 for the national and local elections. This marks the second election cycle where malls will be used as polling places.

Other malls in Calabarzon that will serve as voting precincts include SM City Batangas in Batangas City, as well as SM City Santa Rosa and Robinsons Santa Rosa in Laguna. (RBF, PIA Cavite)

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We need to go down to our districts,” Romualdez said.

Romualdez also suggested long-term solutions, such as strengthening local rice production and ensuring fair farmgate prices for farmers.

While rice imports serve as an immediate measure to boost supply, he stressed that the country must focus on agricultural self-sufficiency.

“Importante na may agarang solusyon, pero hindi natin puwedeng gawing habambuhay na sagot ang pag-angkat ng bigas (Immediate solutions are necessary, but we cannot rely on rice imports forever),” he said.

Romualdez cited data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showing that the average farmgate price of dry palay was PHP20.69 per kg. in January 2025, a slight decrease from PHP20.70 in December.

However, this represents a 17.69 percent increase from the PHP17.58 per kg. average in June 2022,

the final month of the previous administration.

“Batay sa mga pigurang ito, nakikita natin ang resulta ng balanseng pagtugon ng gobyerno – napapababa ang presyo ng bigas sa merkado, pero nasisigurong hindi nalulugi ang mga magsasaka. May nagagawang tama na kailangang ipagpatuloy (Based on these figures, we can see the results of the government’s balanced response — rice prices are being reduced in the market while ensuring that farmers are not at a loss. The right steps are being taken and must be continued),” he said.

Romualdez also credited the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) for its role in improving local rice production.

He said government investments in farm mechanization, seed distribution, credit support, and training programs have started yielding positive results.

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binigyan po ng prayoridad and comfort at safety ng mga OFWs po natin (This is a good example of partnership between the private sector and the government led by the President, as this prioritizes the comfort and safety of OFWs),” Viado said.

To recall, Ramon Ang-led New NAIA Infra Corp. (NNIC) provided a space for an OFW lounge at Terminal 3. The lounge, which

could accommodate around 200 passengers, offers complementary food and drinks, resting areas and charging stations.

An OFW lounge was also introduced at Terminal 1 last year. It was a joint project of the House of Representatives, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Department of Migrant Workers and Manila International Airport

Authority.

Both lounges can be used for free, regardless of the type of tickets the OFWs are holding.

Viado said taking care of the OFWs is among their priorities.

Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez earlier said opening a lounge for OFWs was a directive from President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (PNA)



NFA RICE SALE. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. (left, in barong) and San Juan Mayor Francis Zamora lead the first day of the National Food Authority rice sale in San Juan City on Feb. 24, 2025. Speaker Martin Romualdez on Friday (Feb. 28) commended the government’s recent initiatives to make rice more affordable, as he stressed the importance of sustained efforts to maintain these gains. (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

“Ang pagbibigay ng makinarya at pondo ay simula pa lamang. Kailangan nating tiyakin na ang ating mga magsasaka ay may sapat na kaalaman at suporta upang magamit nang husto ang mga makabagong teknolohiyang ito (Providing machinery and funds is just the beginning. We must ensure that our farmers have enough knowledge and support to maximize these modern technologies),” Romualdez said.

Quezon Rep. Mark Enverga, chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture and Food and one of the leaders of the House Murang Pagkain Supercommittee (Quinta Comm), welcomed the government’s decision to sell NFA rice at PHP35 per kg. as

a significant step in stabilizing food prices.

“Salamat sa ating Quinta Comm, sa Department of Agriculture, at sa lahat ng tumulong para maibaba ang presyo ng bigas (Thanks to our Quinta Comm, the Department of Agriculture, and everyone who helped lower rice prices),” he said.

Enverga noted that the government had implemented key policies such as Executive Order 62, which reduced import tariffs on rice from 35 percent to 15 percent in July 2024.

While this policy aimed to make imported rice more affordable and increase supply, Enverga said its benefits have not been fully felt due to supply chain inefficiencies and price

manipulation.

Enverga called for stricter enforcement of price transparency, warning that unscrupulous traders should not be allowed to take advantage of the situation.

“Kung maayos na naipatupad ito noon pa, baka mas napaaga ang pagbaba ng presyo ng bigas. Hindi dapat napagkakakitaan ng mga kartel ang problema ng taumbayan (Had this been properly implemented earlier, rice prices might have dropped sooner. Cartels should not be profiting from the people’s hardship),” he said.

He assured that the government will remain vigilant in enforcing fair pricing, monitoring supply chains, and supporting Filipino farmers. (PNA)

EDITORIAL

Putting cart before horse

“THOSE without digital literacy or banking access, estimated at over 30 percent of Filipinos based on recent financial inclusion studies, will struggle to comply, reducing equitable access to expressways.

Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon’s directive to the Toll Regulatory Board to defer cashless toll payments — the first policy of his term — signaled to road system concessionaires to prioritize the public welfare over profit.

The new Department of Transportation chief shook the tree, so to speak, by putting the big conglomerates who run the toll roads on notice about the quality of the service they render.

Dizon’s unequivocal statement that the cashless system is anti-poor indicates to the operators of San Miguel Infrastructure and Metro Pacific Tollways to perfect their electronic collection system before imposing them on motorists.

A cashless system disadvantages drivers without access to digital payment methods and those who rely solely on cash, including taxi drivers, visitors to the city, occasional tollway users and low-income individuals.

The automated system requires a prepaid radio-frequency identification (RFID) account typically linked to an e-wallet, bank card, or reloading station, which assumes that all motorists have access to these financial tools.

On Skyway Stage 3, cash lanes were eliminated post-2021. Cash-accepting RFID installations and loading lanes were reintroduced in 2022 due to a public backlash.

A complete shift to a cashless system, thus, disadvantages users unprepared for or unable to adopt RFID technology, forcing them to detour to non-toll roads or face penalties.

Those without digital literacy or banking access, estimated at over 30 percent of Filipinos based on recent financial inclusion studies, will struggle to comply, reducing equitable access to the expressways.

Yet, the toll collection system in use is far from flawless. It encounters periodic system failures, such as RFID reader malfunctions and network outages, which can paralyze toll operations.

On 17 November 2022, an outage of the Autosweep system caused by a damaged fiber optic cable affected the Skyway, Southern Luzon Expressway, and other SMC-owned tollways, leading to massive traffic jams and the waiving of tolls for 84,000 vehicles.

Without cash lanes as a fallback, motorists could be stranded or delayed significantly

and unnecessarily during outages, undermining the system’s promise of efficiency.

Frequent or unresolved technical issues erode the public trust and increase travel unpredictability, especially on critical arteries served by the tollways.

The lack of a seamless integration between Autosweep and Easytrip (used by Metro Pacific Tollways Corp.) has created confusion after the partial interoperability began in 2022.

To have the tags accepted in both road systems, manual registration and separate accounts are required. Worse, motorists needed to exchange their Easytrip tags for the Neology version to be accepted at Autosweep toll gates.

Interoperability is onerous for motorists since behind the supposed improvement motorists using the Skyway that solely accepts Autosweep and then going on the North Luzon Expressway that uses Easytrip must have both RFID systems or face delays if unprepared.

In effect, the systems remain fragmented, defeating the goal of a unified cashless network.

The inefficiency increases costs and inconvenience for frequent travelers while the average motorists endure a financial burden.

Autosweep requires users to maintain sufficient prepaid balances, with a minimum load upon installation.

Insufficient funds at toll exits cause delays, and real-time reloading isn’t always instantaneous due to payment network lags, a persistent issue SMC has acknowledged during peak travel seasons like last Christmas.

The Skyway’s high toll rates also mean users must preload substantial amounts while not getting full information on their remaining credits at the gate since the system always malfunctions.

Delays in balance updates have led to vehicles being held at toll gates. The lack of updates on the remaining credits disproportionately affects lower-income drivers who put in an exact amount for the day.

Then there’s always the danger of hacking with an imperfect system.

A security expert said a cashless system tied to RFID tags and digital accounts raises privacy risks since vehicle movements and financial data can be tracked. Any breach in the RFID database could expose user information.

It is incumbent on the tollway operators to make sure their systems are perfected before imposing rigid anti-poor cashless payments on motorists.



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KAPIRASONG kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

Instrumentalismo at Kidapawan

PART 2

ILAN munang sekundaryang punto na naglalantad sa kung anong tipo ng “maka-Kaliwa” si Hizon – na kampi sa neoliberal at mapanupil na gobyerno ni Aquino. Una, sabi niya, “nabigo” ang kapulisan na magpatupad ng “maximum tolerance.” Napakabait na paghatol nito. Nasa highway ang protesta, pero nagtatanggol lang, hindi naggigiit ang mga magsasaka. Bawal magdala ng baril sa protesta, pero todong ginamit ito ng pulisya.

Ikalawa, sabi niya, “Ang pakikibaka para sa mas mainam na Kaliwa ay pakikibaka para sa mas mainam na gobyerno.” Hindi ito opinyong maka-Kaliwa kundi opinyong liberal. May katangiang makauri ang gobyerno ngayon: hawak ng malalaking burges-komprador at panginoong maylupa na tuta ng imperyalismong US. Kailangan itong ibagsak, hindi ireporma lang, para makapagtayo ng gobyernong mas mainam.

Nakasalalay si Hizon sa isang susing akusasyon sa Kaliwa, sa tinawag niyang “instrumentalismo.” Kung isasantabi ang mga pangkalahatang satsat niya tungkol rito, ito, aniya, ay ang pagpapasabak ng Kaliwa sa mga magsasaka sa “reaksyunaryong karahasan” para “matuto ng pampulitikang leksyon,” para yakapin ang “armadong pakikibaka.” Aniya, ginusto o pinahintulutan ng Kaliwa na mabaril ang mga magsasaka.

Minsan nang sinagot ni E. San Juan, Jr., Marxistang intelektwal, ang akusasyong may “instrumental na pagtingin sa tao” ang mga maka-Kaliwa, partikular ang mga Marxista-Leninista. Aniya, hindi alam ng mga nag-aakusa ang mayamang tradisyong Marxista. Mas mahalaga, instrumento ng mga anti-Komunista noong Cold War, hindi ng Kaliwa, ang konsepto [“The Struggle for Socialist Transformation in the Philippines,” 1996].

Konsepto nga naman ng mga anti-Kaliwa ang instrumentalismo. Pilit nitong inihihwalay ang Kaliwa sa masang anakpawis na pinaglilingkuran, inoorganisa, at pinagmumulan ng lakas nito. Pinagmumukha nitong masama ang ugnayan ng Kaliwa at masa. Ibinabalik nito sa Kaliwa ang tuligsa ng huli sa kapitalismo at mga naunang sistemang makauri: na pinagsasamantalahan ang masa na parang mga instrumento.

Para kay Hizon, instrumentalismo ang dahilan kung bakit ipinagpatuloy ng mga organisador ng Kaliwa ang protesta kahit “may tsansang papaputukan ng mga pulis ang mga magsasaka” dahil “mayroon nang mga armadong pulis sa lugar bago magsimula ang marahas na dispersal.” Pero dapat suriin ang naganap mula sa mga konsepto at kagamitan sa pagsusuri ng Kaliwa, hindi ng mga anti-Kaliwa tulad ng gusto ni Hizon.

Sa panig ng mga

organisador, nagpatuloy ang protesta dahil makatwiran ang hinaing, at hindi pa nakakamit ang taktikal na panawagan. Nagpatuloy ang protesta dahil may nakatakdang negosasyon kay North Cotabato Gov. Emmylou Taliño-Mendoza sa hapon ng Abril 1. Pero agad binalewala ito nina Kidapawan Mayor Joseph Evangelista at Alex Tagum, hepe ng Philippine National Police sa probinsya at sinimulan ang pamamaril.

Makatwiran man ang protesta ay marahas ang Estado. Dahil dito, tungkulin ng mga organisador na tiyakin ang kaligtasan ng mga nagpoprotesta. Alam ang lahat ng iyan ng Kaliwa.

Sa kaso ng Kidapawan, hindi nagkulang ang mga organisador sa usaping ito; mas namayani ang pagiging mapanupil ng Estado.

Ang problema kay Hizon, agad ang pagsisi niya sa Kaliwa dahil sa anti-Kaliwang konsepto niya, ang instrumentalismo.

Kung susundan pa ang lohika niya, laging dapat maghanap ang mga nagpoprotesta ng posibilidad na magkaroon ng matinding pandarahas, lalo na ng pamamaril, para iatras ang pagkilos. Ilang pulis kaya? Ilang mahabang armas? Ilang distansya mula sa hanay? Kung susundan ang baluktot na lohika ni Hizon, walang dapat maganap na pagmasaker sa nagpoprotesta, pero iyan ay dahil walang dapat maganap na militanteng protesta.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, ELMO P. BIBAOCO MARRIED TO EMMA S. BIBAOCO, with postal address at (1) Blk 164 Lot 11, Brgy. PHP Subd. Bulihan Silang, Cavite and 2) Lot 9 Blk 7, Mabuhay Homes 2000, Dasmariñas, BO., Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which

as of JANUARY 6, 2025 amounts to ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PESOS AND 47/100 (Php177,555.47), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on APRIL 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-548567

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite bounded and described as follows. A parcel of land (Lot 9 Blk. 7 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-074555, being a Lot 1, Pcs-042106-008804, LRC Rec. No.), sit. In the Brgy. Paliparan, Mun. Of Dasma., Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 8; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Lot 7 both Blk. 7; on the SW., along line 3-4 by FootPath 5, & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 11 Blk. 7, all of the subd. Plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 19 deg. 31'E., 1,756.04m. fr. Mon. 163, Imus Estate, thence S. 26 deg. 21'E., 5.00m. to pt. 2; thence S. 63deg. 39'W., 8.60m. to pt. 3; thence N. 26deg. 21'W., 5.00m. to pt. 4; thence N. 63deg. 39'E., 8.60m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY THREE (43) SQ. M. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan & are marked on the ground by PS cyl. cons. mons. 15x60 cm; bearings true; date of orig. survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 & that of the subd. survey July 15-Aug. 10, 1994 & was approved on Nov. 21, 1994.

is registered in according with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of ELMO P. BIBAOCO, of legal age, married to EMMA S. BIBAOCO Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to

investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on MAY 6, 2025, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, February 20, 2025.

ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY IN DONGSHENG ELECTRONICS PHILIPPINES CORPORATION

Position Title
TIN PRODUCTION MANAGER

Work Locatoion
City of Dasmariñas Cavite

Job Description:

- Maintains work flow by monitoring steps of the process; setting processing variables; observing control points and equipment; monitoring personnel and resources; studying methods; implementing cost reductions; developing reporting procedures and systems; facilitating corrections to malfunctions within process control points; initiating and fostering a spirit of cooperation within and between departments.
- Completes production plan by scheduling and assigning personnel; accomplishing work results; establishing priorities; monitoring progress; revising schedules; resolving problems; reporting results of the processing flow on shift production summaries.
- Maintains quality service by establishing and enforcing organization standards.
- Ensures operation of equipment by calling for repairs; evaluating new equipment and techniques.
- Provides manufacturing information by compiling, initiating, sorting, and analyzing production performance records and data; answering questions and responding to requests.
- Creates and revises systems and procedures by analyzing operating practices, record-keeping systems, forms of control, and budgetary and personnel requirements; implementing change.
- Maintains safe and clean work environment by educating and directing personnel on the use of all control points, equipment, and resources; maintaining compliance with established policies and procedures.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; benchmarking state-of-the-art practices; participating in professional societies.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed

QUALIFICATION

- Male
- With atleast 5years working experience in Tin Melting
- Knowledgeable in Dissolve Tin Furnace machine, Tin Slag Treatment Furnace machine
- Can read, speak and fluent in Mandarin Chinese
- Willing to work overtime and can multitask
- Willing to work in a hot temperature place
- Have driver's license and can drive truck
- Interested applicants may send resume to hr_dept@dongshengph.com

Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National intending to apply for the position
Company Name: Dongsheng Electronics Philippines Corporation Company Address : Blk 8, Lot 8, Ph2, 9th St. FCIE-SEPZ Cmpd. Brgy Lankaan II Dasmariñas Cavite Nature of Business : Manufacturing of Other Articles N.E.C	Name : Furong Tang Address : Gov Hills Subd. Brgy Biclatan, Gen. Trias Cavite Nationality : Chinese Intended period of employment : Two(2) years
Dongsheng Electronics Philippines Corporation 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, Anderson 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, Anderson Bldg. II, Brgy Parian, Calamba City, Laguna within 30 days after this publication.	
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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS


Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses CARLOS BABANTE MARCELO JR. and JOSEFINA VALERIO MARCELO (collectively referred to as "SPOUSES MARCELO") who died intestate on December 27, 2023 and AUGUST 28, 2012 who left a parcel of land located at Block 28 Lot 25 Ph. 7 Golden City 3, Barangay Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite and more particularly described as TCT NO. T-492457, issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, with the loan balance of FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (567, 000) for the purchase of the said land from National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC) which has been extrajudicially settled by their heirs with waiver of rights wherein they also agreed that the full settlement of the said loan as well taxes relevant to the transfer and other obligation relevant to the land shall be solely for the account and in favor of ANALYN MARCELO DEL MUNDO as per Doc. No. 493, Page No. 100, Book No. I, Series of 2025, Notary Public Clarizza Grace D. Napa.

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ERRATUM

In our issue of February 10, 17 & 24, 2025 RE: HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund) vs. MARINEL S. REGALADO married to ROGER A. REGALADO, Prov. of Cavite, more particularly was erroneously printed as Province of Cavite.

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BOJIE MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
Address: Lots 1-8 Phase 3, Golden Gate Business Park, Buenavista II, General Trias, Cavite
Nature of Business: Manufacturer of Decorative lights

(1) PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

Job Description:

- Set daily/weekly/monthly objectives and communicate them to employees
- Organized workflow by assigning responsibilities and preparing schedules
- Check production output according to specifications
- Ensure the safe use of equipment and schedule regular maintenance
- Provides manufacturing information by compiling, initiating, sorting and analyzing production performance records and data
- Enforce strict safety guidelines and company standards

Qualification:

- Engineering Graduate or any related course
- At least 10-15 years of related experience, with expertise in manufacturing Christmas, Wedding, and Halloween Lights
- Must be proficient in Mandarin

Workplace Location: Lots 1-8 P3, Golden Gate Business Park, Buenavista II, General Trias, Cavite

Kindly send your resume at admin1@bojiemanufacturingcorp.com

Name of Foreign Applicant: XIAOYING ZOU
Address: Biclatan, General Trias, Cavite
Period of Employment: 2 years

The above-mentioned foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services required for the position as described above.

DOLE Regional Office (AEP to be applied): DOLE Calabarzon, 3rd & 4th Floor Adenson Bldg. Parian, Calamba City, Laguna

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PBBM's economic team 'getting the job done' as inflation drops

By Filane Mikee Cervantes

MANILA – House Speaker Martin Romualdez on Wednesday lauded President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s economic team for “getting the job done” as the country’s headline inflation rate eased to 2.1 percent in February.

“The Marcos administration has remained laser-focused on stabilizing prices, ensuring food security, and protecting the purchasing power of our people,” Romualdez said in a statement.

Romualdez said the House of Representatives will provide support by passing laws aimed at lowering food costs, ensuring stable energy prices, and creating jobs.

“We know how tough the past few years have been, but the numbers don’t lie — inflation is going down, and our economy is getting stronger. This is the result of sound leadership, strong policies, and the resilience of the Filipino people,” Romualdez said.

He vowed that the government would continue working to ensure that the downward trend in inflation leads to more savings and “an improved quality of life for every Filipino.”

“Patuloy nating itutulak ang mga repormang magpapagaan sa buhay ng bawat Pilipino (We will continue to push for reforms that will uplift the lives of every Filipino),” he said.

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, said the decline in rice prices played a key role in easing inflation.

“February inflation is great at 2.1 percent but the better news is that rice prices declined by almost 5 percent year-on-year. I take that as a sign that we can continue with our rate cuts and we can pursue a more aggressive expansionary stance on the fiscal side,” Salceda said in a separate statement.

He said supply-side improvements, such as farm inputs, logistics, and cold storage, are critical to stabilizing food prices, particularly for fruits and vegetables.

Salceda also called for structural reforms to improve trade and transportation, including repealing provisions of the Cabotage Law that prevent foreign shipping firms from serving inter-island routes.

“We should also look at our rapidly deteriorating fish capture sector and see how we can make this more sustainable through aquaculture,” Salceda said.

The Philippine Statistics Authority reported that the country’s headline inflation rate fell to 2.1 percent in February, its lowest level since September 2024 when it stood at 1.9 percent.

The slowdown was driven by a decline in food and non-food inflation, with rice prices registering a sharper deflation of 4.9 percent, down from 2.3 percent in January. (PNA)

“When the ballot is given to you, check if there is no shade or other writing, aside from the signature of the chairperson,” she said.

She warned voters not to check ballots only at the voting area, as existing marks or shading may be attributed to them.

“If you receive a ballot, check it immediately. If there’s a mark, report it right away. We cannot prove later that you were not the one who marked it,” she said.

With the 2025 National and Local Elections on May 12, Comelec continues its campaign to ensure a clean and fair voting process, urging Filipinos to vote wisely and responsibly. (AVS / PIA-NCR)

Comelec intensifies campaign vs. vote buying, ballot tampering



Department of Tourism-National Capital Region (DOT-NCR) Assistant Regional Director Catherine Agustin joins the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on Tuesday, March 4, to share the tourism development in Metro Manila. (Photo by: PIA-NCR)

By Alice V. Sicat

QUEZON CITY (PIA) — The Commission on Elections reiterated its stance against vote buying and vote selling, urging Filipino voters to uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

During a voter education and automated counting machine demonstration at the Philippine Information Agency Central Office on March 3, Emma Lynn Masongsong of the Comelec Education and Information Department emphasized the long-term consequences of selling one’s vote for a small amount of money.

“Comelec is active in its campaign against

vote buying and vote selling. We have a committee called the Committee on Kontra-Bigay. Our campaign is more intense now,” Masongsong said.

She highlighted that vote buying is desecration of the priceless right to suffrage. She asked voters to consider how much politicians are willing to spend to insult the voter.

“For example, 500 pesos. What can you buy with 500 pesos? Go to Jollibee, and it’s gone, right?” she said.

Masongsong illustrated the true worth of a vote over an elected official’s term. “For local elections, officials serve for three years. If you divide 500 pesos by the number of days in three years—1,095 days—how much is that per day? Less than a peso. That is an insult to voters.”

She urged the public to report incidents of vote buying to the Comelec, stressing that the practice undermines democracy and hinders progress.

Proper ballot marking

Aside from discouraging vote selling, Masongsong reminded voters to carefully mark ballots to avoid disqualification or mistakes.

“Make sure that you fully shade the ovals. The threshold is 25 percent, so even a small dot can be read by the machine as a vote. If you accidentally put a dot, it could result in an overvote, especially if only one candidate should be chosen for that position,” she said.

She advised voters to bring a prepared list of candidates to minimize errors when shading ballots.

Masongsong also emphasized checking ballots before voting.

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Cavite records 409% spike in dengue cases



FOGGING, MISTING. The City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit and City Health Office of General Trias City conduct fogging and misting operations in MariCris Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Camachile II on Thursday (Feb. 27, 2025), to combat the rise in dengue cases. The efforts are part of a province-wide response to the 409-percent increase in cases in the province since Jan. 1. (PNA photo by Dennis Abrina)

By Dennis Abrina

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite – Dengue cases in Cavite province have surged by 409 percent in 2025, prompting all 23 localities in the province to go on high alert, according to the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU).

From Jan. 1 to Feb.

22, PESU recorded 3,379 dengue cases at General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital in Barangay Luciano -- a sharp increase from the 664 cases reported during the same period in 2024, according to Dr. Nelson Soriano, Cavite Provincial Health Officer.

Ten localities reported
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Japan earmarks \$5-M to climate-proof livelihoods in Bangsamoro



PARTNERSHIP. World Food Programme Philippines Country Director Regis Chapman (left) and Japanese Ambassador Endo Kazuya sign and exchange notes for the 757 million yen (USD5 million) aid to the Bangsamoro region at the envoy's residence in Makati City on Friday (Feb. 28, 2025). Witnessing the signing were Deputy Presidential Adviser Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima; Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform Minister Shuaib Yacob; Chief Hasna Abubakar-Adam of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority-Office of the Director General; and Senior Economic Development Specialist Maria Bianca Lee. (PNA photo by Joyce Rocamora)

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Japanese government is providing 757 million yen (around USD5 million or PHP290 million) in assistance to help livelihoods in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) become more climate-resilient.

The three-year project, to be implemented by the World Food Programme (WFP) Philippines, aims to directly benefit some 36,000 decommissioned combatants and vulnerable communities in the region through community-based climate adaptation activities.

“Through more

accessible livelihood opportunities, we aim to ensure they feel included in the peace process and instill hope for a better future through peaceful economic participation,” Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines Endo Kazuya said.

Endo signed and WFP Philippines country director Regis Chapman signed the multiyear project in Makati City on Friday.

Endo reaffirmed Tokyo's development support in the Bangsamoro, noting that the “peace process in Mindanao is crucial, not only for the Philippines, but also for the entire Asian region”.

“We trust our commitment will manifest through the tangible improvements in the lives of the people and communities,” he said.

Chapman said that with Japan's steady support, they look forward to working alongside the national and BARMM governments to

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102 senior citizens in Imus receive cash gifts

By Ruel Francisco

CITY OF IMUS, Cavite (PIA) — A total of 102 senior citizens in the City of Imus, Cavite, received cash gifts from the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) under the Expanded Centenarians Act of 2024 on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The cash gift distribution was part of a nationwide simultaneous event, with the main ceremony held at Malacañang Palace.

At least 51 senior citizens aged 80; 33 aged 85; 12 aged 90; and five aged 95 each received P10,000. Meanwhile,

the lone centenarian, Nanay Apolinaria Sapinoso, who passed away three days after her birthday, was represented by her daughter, Marissa Sapinoso Alejo, who received the P100,000 cash gift from the NCSC.

The NCSC emphasized that this initiative is a small but heartfelt recognition of the government for the sacrifices and valuable contributions of senior citizens to the community, ensuring they receive sufficient support and care.

“The cash gift distributed today is a small yet
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