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PuroKalusugan launches in Barangay Cabuco

ON March 18, 2025, the Department of Health IV-A, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) and the Trece Martires City Health Office (TMCHO), officially launched the PuroKalusugan program in Barangay Cabuco, Trece Martires City. The initiative aims to provide essential healthcare services directly to residents of barangays or "puroks" throughout the country.

may otherwise have limited access to these resources. A key component of the department's Eight-Point Action Agenda, the program prioritizes several critical areas of health including vaccination, nutrition, water sanitation, maternal health, tuberculosis (TB) prevention, HIV screening, and non-communicable disease prevention.

By addressing these eight focal points, the program strives to reduce health disparities and foster the well-being of underserved communities across the Philippines. One of the

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Photo courtesy of Cavite PIO/Facebook post

Comelec starts distribution of voter info sheets in April

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on March 17, said it is set to distribute the Voter's Information Sheet (VIS) next month.

"We have to distribute the VIS in the entire country from April 1 to April 30. We have to distribute the VIS as this will inform the voters the steps on how to cast their votes and allow them to choose their candidates," Comelec Chairperson George Erwin Garcia said in an interview.

At the same time, he reported that they are looking to complete the VIS printing in Meycauayan, Bulacan by March 24.

"We are now also using the printers of the

National Printing Office in order to meet the timeline," said Garcia.

He noted that the VIS will have 1,667 versions.

"These VIS are different in every town and city since they have different sets of local candidates," the Comelec chairman added.

He said voters may also use VIS as "cheat sheets" (kodigo) on Election Day for them to be able to vote faster.

Under Republic Act 7904, the Comelec must provide all registered voters, through registered mail, with a voter information sheet at least 30 days before an election.

Included in the VIS are voter's name, address, the precinct and the place the voter is registered, and instructions on how to vote. (PNA)

No 'visa fee' applies for Japan tourist visa – embassy



NO VISA FEE. A view of Mt. Fuji from the Fujinomiya Golf Club in Fujinomiya, Japan. Travelers planning to visit Japan on a tourist visa, be it multiple or single entry, will not pay for a visa fee except for center usage fees and other additional services that they may avail of once Japan's new visa center opens. (Photo courtesy of the Japan National Tourism Organization)

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – Travelers planning to visit Japan on a tourist visa, be it multiple or single entry, will not pay a visa fee except

for center usage fees and other additional services they may avail of once Japan's new visa center opens.

The Embassy of Japan in the Philippines made the

statement on Wednesday as it announced the opening of its five VFS Global-managed visa application centers on April 7.

"We do not impose any fee for visa, at least for tourism visa," the embassy clarified Wednesday.

"But, of course travel agencies or visa centers have to do their own jobs and also have to manage to streamline thousands of visas a day— so, therefore, they do have a fee of their own," it added.

Beyond tourist visas, the embassy clarified that a fee may apply to other visa types, including visas covering long-term stays.

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Photo courtesy of PNA

Female cop hit with phone won't file raps vs. Honeylet Avanceña

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – A female member of the Philippine National Police-Special Action Force (PNP-SAF) opted not to file charges against former president Rodrigo Duterte's common-law wife, Honeylet

Avanceña, for hitting her with a mobile phone during a commotion amid the arrest of the former president.

PNP spokesperson and Police Regional Office 3 (Central Luzon) director, Brig. Gen. Jean Fajardo, said the move is a "personal decision"

on the part of the police officer.

"Her reason is it is part of the hazards of the job. She said it's okay and she will just take a rest and return to work once she is recovered," Fajardo said in a phone interview.

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# PAGCOR pledges P300-M grant to PNPA



**PAGCOR GRANT.** Philippine National Police Academy Director Maj. Gen Christopher Birung and Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission Executive Director and PNPA Alumni Association Inc. chair Undersecretary Gilbert Cruz (2nd and 3rd from left) receive from PAGCOR chair and CEO Alejandro Tengco 100 computer tablets to help in the learning needs of cadets on Friday (March 14, 2025). PAGCOR on Sunday (March 16) said it pledged PHP300 million in financial grants to the PNPA to help improve facilities and provide advanced training resources for its cadets. (Photo courtesy of PAGCOR)

By Darryl John Esguerra  
MANILA – The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) has pledged PHP300 million in financial grant to the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) to help improve its facilities and

provide advanced training resources for its cadets.

Speaking at the 45th PNPA Alumni Homecoming at Camp Gen. Mariano

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**HOT WEATHER.** Adults use umbrellas to shield them and their wards against the heat in this photo taken in Quezon City on March 3, 2025. On Wednesday (March 19), attendees of a German Embassy-hosted climate forum vowed to support bids to advance measures towards addressing climate change. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

a breakthrough agreement that would augment climate financing from USD100 billion to USD300 billion annually by 2035.

German Ambassador to the Philippines Andreas Pfaffernoschke, in turn,

assured Manila that Berlin “remains committed to continue its long standing partnership with the Philippines in the field of climate action.”

“We will see in the coming weeks what the new

German government will look like. But let me assure you here today that the new German government will continue its leadership role in international climate diplomacy, especially in these challenging times,” he added.

A newly-released World Meteorological Organization (WMO) report revealed that human-induced climate change reached new heights in 2024, which was likely the first calendar year to be more than 1.5°C above the pre-industrial era.

The WMO said this is the warmest year in the 175-year observational record. (PNA)

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their assigned voter’s code before casting their votes.

The election saw an overwhelming voter turnout, demonstrating the strong engagement of PGCEA members. Out of 2,684 employees, 2,024 were registered voters (75.41%), and 2,016 employees cast their votes (99.60%), highlighting the employees’ commitment to active participation in their organization’s leadership.

Following the election, the newly elected PGCEA officers for the 2025-2026 term were officially proclaimed: President, Ms. Michelle S. Osorio; Vice President, Mr. Joseph A. Avecilla; Secretary, Mr. Niko R. Montenegro; Assistant

Secretary, Ms. Angelica Joy Balanquit; Treasurer, Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra; Assistant Treasurer, Ms. Cristina Paula F. Arellano; Auditor, Ms. Irish Cindy T. Diongo; and Public Relations Officers (PROs), Mr. Walter M. Pereña and Ms. Karen C. Dela Cruz.

With the exception of Mr. Montenegro, Ms. Diongo, and Ms. Dela Cruz, all elected officers have been serving the PGCEA since 2024, ensuring continuity in leadership and advocacy for employee concerns.

During the closing ceremony, Election Committee Chairperson Ms. Charisse Abion expressed her gratitude to all employees for their participation.

She extended special thanks to the focal persons from various PGC offices and other offices that provided logistical and technical support, contributing to the smooth and successful conduct of the election.

She emphasized that the election’s success was a testament to the employees’ commitment to good governance and unity within the association.

As the recognized voice of provincial government employees, the PGCEA remains dedicated to fostering a strong and engaged workforce, ensuring that employee concerns and interests are effectively represented. — A. Cabrera (Cavite PIO)

Castañeda in Silang, Cavite on March 14, PAGCOR chair and chief executive officer Alejandro Tengco said supporting the law enforcement community has been one of the gaming regulator’s priorities.

“While PAGCOR’s primary role is to regulate the gaming industry, we also have a responsibility to support institutions like the PNPA and the national police,” a PAGCOR news release on Sunday quoted Tengco as saying during the event.

“The law enforcement community has always been our top priority.”

PAGCOR’s grant will cover the construction of a PNPA Alumni Association building, which will serve as an administrative office and a dormitory for visiting alumni.

It will also finance the upgrade of PNPA’s Crime Scene Plaza that will serve as a training ground for forensic and investigative procedures, as well as the purchase of firearms training simulators.

Likewise, the state gaming firm will help the police academy acquire crime mapping and predictive policing software to support cadets’ training in crime

analysis, visualization and prevention, and cybercrime investigations.

An ambulance, equipped with a GPS navigation system, ambulance stretcher, medical oxygen, wheelchair and a first aid kit, will be turned over to the PNPA next week.

“Technology is now a crucial aspect of law enforcement and our cadets must have access to modern facilities and training innovations that will allow them to combat crime more effectively,” Tengco said.

The PAGCOR chief also turned over a check worth PHP2.2 million to the PNPA Alumni Association Inc. (PNPAAAI) for the purchase of a new service vehicle and 100 computer tablets.

“We hope that these contributions will help facilitate mobility and enhance the learning of cadets and alumni members who are engaged in continuing education,” Tengco said.

He acknowledged the support of its licensed casino foundations that have contributed nearly PHP700 million to PNP-related projects since 2017. (PNA)

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was denied all access to legal recourse in the Philippines.

Medialdea added that Duterte has “debilitating medical issues” and his arrest and transfer to the ICC was a “gross abuse of process.”

Castro noted that contrary to statements made by Duterte’s camp, no less than the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber had confirmed that the former president was indeed afforded his fundamental rights as a suspect of crimes against humanity, specifically murder.

“It was also confirmed by the Court based on the report of the registry that FP Duterte was informed of his rights, including (Articles) 66 and 67 of the Rome Statute and he was aware of the warrant

of arrest in the English language,” she said.

Articles 66 and 67 of the Rome Statute provide for the presumption of innocence and the rights of the accused.

Duterte was the subject of an arrest warrant by the ICC over the alleged crimes against humanity committed due to his drug war carried out between Nov. 1, 2011 and March 16, 2019 during his time as Davao City mayor and then Philippine president.

Duterte arrived in The Hague, The Netherlands on Wednesday night (Manila time) and was turned over to the ICC Detention Center in Scheveningen. (PNA)



**PRE-TRIAL.** International Criminal Court Pre-Trial Chamber 1 presiding judge Iulia Antoanella Motoc (center) and judges Reine Adélaïde Sophie Alapini-Gansou (left) and María del Socorro Flores Liera during the first pre-trial hearing on former president Rodrigo Duterte’s drug war case in The Hague, Netherlands on Friday (March 14, 2025). With the start of the ICC proceedings against Duterte’s alleged crimes against humanity, Malacañang said on Saturday (March 15) that justice has started to roll down. (Photo courtesy of ICC)

## DA logs seizure of nearly P3-B worth of agri-smuggled goods



**AGRI SMUGGLING.** Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. (second from left), Bureau of Customs Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio (right), and Food and Drug Administration Director-General Samuel Zacate (left) inspect the PHP200 million worth of misdeclared items at the South Harbor Port of Manila on March 3, 2025. The Department of Agriculture on Friday (March 14) said the worth of the overall seizure of smuggled goods in 2024 was logged at PHP2.83 billion. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

By Stephanie Sevellano

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Friday reported the total seizure of PHP2.83 billion worth of agricultural goods smuggled into the Philippines.

This came after the 71 successful operations of DA-Inspectorate and Enforcement (IE) in 2024, which makes the overall seizure almost a billion worth higher than PHP1.87 billion in 2023.

Agriculture Secretary

Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said enforcing the Anti-Economic Sabotage Act is a mechanism to intensify the government’s agricultural smuggling crackdown.

“Last year’s operations exposed regulatory loopholes we need to address and procedures that must be streamlined to stamp out smuggling of agricultural products,” he said in a statement.

Tiu Laurel said the law serves as an additional tool for

the DA to curb agricultural smuggling.

The nearly PHP3 billion worth of confiscated items in 2024 include the PHP1.9 billion worth of imported rice, considered to be the largest single seizure during the first-border inspection of the DA-IE; followed by seized fisheries products at PHP316.4 million.

Besides this, a series of DA-IE inspections led to the imposition of PHP285.3 million in tax and tariffs on the undervalued rice importation, reaching 32,825 metric tons.

At least PHP178.5 million worth of frozen mackerel, deemed fit for human consumption, was also confiscated in Port of Manila and donated to affected residents following

the onslaught of Typhoon Kristine.

Other operations, likewise, prevented the entry of a significant volume of some agri commodities including smuggled white onions and illicit cigarettes in Subic Port, worth PHP115 million and PHP8.4 million, respectively; PHP102.2 million worth of Chinese frozen food and black chicken in Santa Maria, Bulacan; PHP100 million worth of prohibited meat and other products illegally stored in unlicensed storage facilities in Kawit, Cavite; PHP100 million worth of smuggled and rotten onions, garlic, pigeon meat, and frozen bullfrogs in Marilao, Bulacan; PHP74.9 million worth of condemned meat intended for recycling as fish meal;

and PHP35.9 million worth of white onions, PHP13.5 million worth of carrots, and PHP44,000 worth of tomatoes and mushrooms in two cold storage facilities in Navotas.

To date, the DA-IE has seized PHP162.7 million worth of illegal agri-fishery products at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila International Container Port, and Subic Bay International Terminal in 2025.

At least PHP6.45 million worth of expired and unlabeled agri products were also confiscated in cold storage facilities in Caloocan, Navotas, and Bulacan from January to February and around PHP152,000 worth of frozen fish was seized in Batangas City. (PNA)

## PuroKalusugan...

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core goals is to ensure that essential health services are brought directly to the people, particularly in remote or hard-to-reach areas.

During the health event, a variety of essential healthcare services were provided to the community. Services include chest X-ray screenings to detect potential respiratory issues such as tuberculosis, and skin consultations under the “Kilatis Kutis” program, which addressed various dermatological concerns. Residents received deworming treatments and oral rehydration salts (ORS) to promote better health, particularly for children. HIV counseling and testing were offered to raise awareness and provide support for HIV prevention, while purified protein derivative (PPD) testing was conducted to identify exposure to tuberculosis. Additionally, anti-rabies vaccinations were given to pets to protect the community from rabies.

In addition to these health services, the event also included a Rabies Awareness Lecture to educate the public on the risks and prevention of rabies. Furthermore, a poster-making contest was organized in celebration of World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, with students from Feliciano Cabuco Elementary School participating actively. The contest not only engaged the youth but also raised awareness about the ongoing fight against TB.

Local officials, including Mayor Gemma B. Lubigan and Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso together with some members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and some barangay captains of the city were present at the event. They expressed their deep appreciation for the program and emphasized the importance of such health initiatives for the residents of Trece Martires City. Their support highlights the local government’s commitment

to enhancing public health services and ensuring that the people of the city receive the care they need.

The successful launch of the PuroKalusugan program is an important milestone in the Department of Health’s ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive healthcare services at the grassroots level. By focusing on accessible and preventive healthcare, the program is playing a crucial role in improving the health and well-being of Filipinos across the country, especially in marginalized and underserved communities.

As part of its expansion, the PuroKalusugan program will continue to roll out to other barangays, bringing essential health services directly to more residents. Through collaboration with local government units and health offices, this initiative is expected to make a lasting impact on the overall health outcomes of communities nationwide. — OPIO

## Female...

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She said the PNP shouldered the medical expenses of the injured officer.

She would also be given a commendation for her exemplary act in the line of duty, Fajardo added.

The policewoman sustained a huge lump on her forehead following the hitting incident during a commotion which ensued amid the arrest of Duterte.

Fajardo said the SAF member, whom she did not name, was brought to the hospital to treat her swollen forehead hit by Avanceña’s cellular phone inside Villamor Airbase in Pasay City on March 11.

Fajardo said the PNP exercised maximum tolerance in implementing the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) warrant of arrest against Duterte, which was coursed through Philippine Center on Transnational Crime (PCTC) from the International Criminal Police Organization

(Interpol).

Fajardo said nobody from Duterte’s camp was hurt and “we respected all their rights, including the reading of Miranda rights” and that due consideration was given to Duterte’s medical needs.

She said Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) Director Maj. Gen. Nicolas Torre III, the ground commander during Duterte’s arrest, is also looking into the possible filing of obstruction charges against Duterte’s lawyer, former executive secretary Salvador Medialdea.

She said Medialdea was handcuffed for delaying the transfer of Duterte to The Hague.

The former president is currently held at The Hague Penitentiary Institution or the Scheveningen prison in the Netherlands. Duterte is set to appear before the ICC Pre-Trial Chamber on Friday. (PNA)



**HURT.** A female member of the Special Action Force sustains a head injury while securing the transfer of former president Rodrigo Duterte to The Hague following his arrest upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on March 11, 2025. A video from the Philippine National Police showed that Duterte’s partner, Honeylet Avanceña, hit the female cop to the head with a cellular phone. (Photo courtesy of PNP PIO)

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In its earlier advisory issued on the same day, the embassy said its Japan Visa Application Center (JVAC) will incur a visa fee and a center usage fee of PHP520 that must be paid at the time of application. The visa fee may vary depending on nationality and application.

Like with its other foreign government clients, the VFS Global also offers “additional services” for the JVAC such as its PHP1,500 premium lounge that offers an end-to-end personalized visa submission experience for applicants.

Concerned travel agencies

The embassy, meanwhile, announced that travel agencies affiliated with “reliable travel organizations” would also be “allowed to accept new applications and bring them to the visa center” on behalf of the traveler.

This, however, must be “well-coordinated” with the VFS since the matter classifies as “commercial activities between the visa center and the travel agencies”.

Pending the JVAC opening on April 7, the embassy only accepts and processes applications made through its few accredited/registered travel agencies.

With its formal opening, applications will no longer be accepted at the accredited agencies on April 6, but if an applicant applied through an agency before the said date, the release of the passport will also be at the agency where he/she applied.

READ: Japan’s new visa centers in PH to start ops April 7

The embassy is opening five JVACs in Cebu City, Davao City, Makati City, Parañaque City and Quezon City.

For tourist visa applicants, the embassy advised submitting applications well ahead of their travel date. (PNA)

# EDITORIAL

## Narratives battle

*THEIR position is clear: no leader, no matter how popular, should be above the law. This is a reckoning that the Philippines must face if it is to truly uphold justice and human rights.*

The arrest of former President Rodrigo Duterte marks a historic and deeply polarizing moment in Philippine politics. Long hailed by his supporters as a strongman who brought order through his brutal war on drugs, Duterte now faces the full force of international law.

His arrest, allegedly facilitated by the Marcos Jr. administration through cooperation with the International Criminal Court (ICC), has sparked a fierce battle of narratives — one between Duterte loyalists who see him as a victim of political persecution and human rights advocates who view this as long-overdue justice for the victims of extrajudicial killings (EJK).

For years, Duterte's tough-on-crime stance defined his presidency. His war on drugs, which resulted in thousands of deaths, was defended as a necessary evil by his camp but condemned as state-sponsored murder by human rights groups and the international community.

The ICC's warrant for crimes against humanity signals an attempt to hold him accountable for these actions. However, to his supporters, this move reeked of foreign interference and a betrayal by the Marcos administration, which they expected would shield him from legal repercussions.

Duterte's arrest has ignited massive protests by his base, which includes politicians, military figures, and ordinary citizens who believed in his iron-fisted governance. They argue that the ICC has no jurisdiction over the Philippines, as Duterte withdrew the country from the international court in 2019.

For them, the arrest is not about justice but about erasing Duterte's legacy and preventing his political resurgence. This fuels the belief that the Marcos Jr. administration played a pivotal role in enabling the ICC to act — a claim that further strains the already fragile alliance between the two powerful political clans.

On the other side of

the divide are the families of the EJK victims and human rights advocates, who see this moment as a triumph for justice. For years, they have fought an uphill battle, struggling against a political system that largely dismissed their plight. They argued that Duterte must answer for the thousands of lives lost under his leadership, many of whom were poor individuals denied due process.

Their position is clear: no leader, no matter how popular, should be above the law. This is a reckoning that the Philippines must face if it is to truly uphold justice and human rights.

Marcos Jr. now finds himself in a precarious position. By not blocking the ICC's action, he has alienated Duterte's base, a significant portion of whom supported him in the 2022 elections. However, siding too openly with Duterte could damage his international standing and invite scrutiny from the global community. His administration must navigate this political minefield carefully, as any misstep could cost him valuable political capital heading into the 2028 elections.

The battle of narratives is now in full swing, with both sides trying to sway public opinion. Duterte's camp is framing him as a nationalist leader being humiliated by a government willing to bend to foreign powers, while human rights advocates see this as a rare moment of accountability in a country where powerful figures often escape justice.

The question remains: will Duterte's arrest signal the beginning of real justice for his alleged crimes, or will it only deepen the political divisions that have long plagued the Philippines?

In the end, this moment will define the country's trajectory — whether it moves toward greater accountability or remains a nation where the powerful can always rewrite history to their advantage.

What is clear is that the battle is far from over, and the Filipino people will once again be caught in the crossfire of clashing political forces.



Photo courtesy of Daily Tribune

# KAPIRASONG kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Ordoñez Plata Mata

PART 2

DAPAT may integridad ang manunulat, lalo na ang makabayang manunulat. Isa pa ito sa mahahalagang aral ni Ka Roger. Dapat ay mulat na pumapanig ang manunulat sa masang anakpawis at sambayanang Pilipino at sa kanilang pakikibaka, hindi sa mga nagsasamantala at nanunupil sa kanila. Ibig sabihin, may mulat na sakripisyo sa pagiging makabayang manunulat — malayo sa kahit katiting na yaman, kapangyarihan at katanyagan na iniaalok sa mga manunulat ng mga naghahari sa kasalukuyang lipunan.

Alam nating bago ang Batas Militar, maraming mayayaman at makapangyarihan na binangga si Ka Roger bilang mamamahayag at kolumnista. Alam nating may panahong lumayo na lang siya sa panulat noong ideklara ang Batas Militar, dahil hindi niya maatim ang magsulat para sa diktadura. Alam nating bagamat lagi siyang nasasabihang nanalo ng Gawad Palanca, kritikal siya sa mga patimpalak; malinaw sa kanyang wala sa parangal ang katuparan ng pagiging manunulat kundi sa paglilingkod sa bayan.

Alam natin, syempre pa, ang pag-aambag niya sa mga makabayan at progresibong pahayagan sa bansa. Mas gugustuhin niyang magbigay ng oras at talino sa mga kabataang makabayang manunulat kaysa kumita sa pagsulat para sa mga naghahari sa ating bayan. Tinutuligsa niya ang mga manunulat na nagpayaman sa malay na paglilingkod sa mga rehimen pang pangkontra-mamamayan.

Sa mga editorial, kolum, at maging tula ni Ka Roger, napakalinaw ng pagtitiwala niya sa masang magsasaka at manggagawa — sa pagtugon sa mga kagyat na usaping bayan, ngunit lalo't higit sa pagbabago sa namamayang bulok na sistemang panlipunan. Madalas, sa paglalarawan niya

sa isang sitwasyong pulitikal, inilalahad na rin niya kung bakit at saan dapat umakasyon ang sambayanan. Daynamikong naglalangkapan ang datos at pagpapahalaga sa kanyang sulatin, mula sa perspektiba ng masang anakpawis at sambayanan.

Kapansin-pansin na bagamat tinatawag din niyang "naghahari" ang mga imperyalista at malalaking kapitalista't haciendero sa bansa — iyung mga tinatawag ni Rodrigo Duterte at mga tagasuporta niya na "oligarchs" — lagi niyang tinatawag ang mga ito na "naghahari-harian." Isang paggamit ito na nagdidiin na ang kanilang paghahari ay nililikha, at sa gayo'y pwedeng wasakin; dinadaan sa sindak, ilusyon at pwersa, at gayo'y pwedeng ibagsak ng tunay na lakas na nasa pagkakaisa at pagkilos ng masang anakpawis.

Isa pa sa mahahalagang aral ni Ka Roger ang pakikipagtulungan sa kilusang masa, sa Kaliwa sa ating bayan — bilang manunulat at bilang tao. Hindi lingid sa marami, si Ka Roger Ordoñez ay tagasuporta at tagahanga ng Kilusan na kinabibilangan ni Ka Roger Rosal, ang Communist Party of the Philippines at New People's Army. Hindi lamang rebelyon at rebolusyon sa panitikan at sining ang kanyang minithi at pinag-ambagan, kundi ang rebelyon at rebolusyon laban sa namamayang sistemang panlipunan na pinaghaharian ng iilan.

Malinaw kay Ka Roger na ang pakikipagtulungan sa kilusang masa, sa Kaliwa, ay natural na kaugnay ng pagtitiwala sa masa. Sa Pilipinas, ang Kaliwa ang pwersang pampulitika na mulat na naglalayon, at may praktikang ipapakita bilang katibayan, ng pagmumulat, pag-oorganisa at pagpapakilos sa masang magsasaka, manggagawa at anakpawis para lumikha ng kasaysayan at pagbabagong

panlipunan.

Sa paksang ito rin, hindi matatapos ang kwento niya. Mula sa aktibismo niya noon sa National Press Club, hanggang sa First Quarter Storm, sa pagtulon sa mga kasama na nasa underground noong Batas Militar, sa paglingap sa mga bilanggong pulitikal, sa mga debateng ideolohikal, sa pagpanig nilang tatlo — ng mga makabayang manunulat ng Politeknikong Unibersidad ng Pilipinas na sina Bayani Abadilla at Ave Perez Jacob — sa kilusang pagwawasto noong maagang bahagi ng dekada 1990, sa pagpapayo sa mga kabataang aktibista at makabayang manunulat, sa pagtulong sa mga progresibong organisasyon ng iba't ibang sektor, at iba pa.

Sa dulo, wagas ang pagtitiwala ni Ka Roger sa mga kabataan — mga estudyanteng interesadong matuto, mga kabataang aktibista, mga kabataang makabayang manunulat. Iyan ang dahilan kung bakit hanggang sa inabot ng kanyang lakas ay nagturo siya sa PUP na paaralan ng mga kababayan nating hirap sa buhay. Kung bakit napaka-mapagbigay niya sa kanyang kaalaman at oras sa pagpapayo at pagbibigay-inspirasyon. Madalas niyang masabi noon, na hindi man niya masaksihan ang pagtatagumpay ng rebolusyon, ay malaking karangalan at kaligayahan niyang nakapag-ambag siya sa pagtatagumpay nito.

Buong buhay niya, tumulong siyang mag-aruga at magpayabong ng mga makabayan at progresibong paninindigan, lalo na sa mga kabataan. Hindi kataka-taka, sa kanyang pagpanaw, nakikita natin ang mga inaruga at pinayabong niya, nagbibigay-pugay. Sa kanyang pagpanaw, ibigay natin sa kanya ang pinakamataas na parangal: tanganan ang mga aral at inspirasyong iniwan niya para ang rebolusyong isinulong niya ay maipagtagumpay.

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FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),

Petitioner / Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1663-25

For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under  
Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118  
-versus-

MARK ENJHO SUPETTRAN CLEOFAS,  
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (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 respondent/mortgagor, MARK ENJHO SUPETTRAN CLEOFAS, with postal address at Lot 11 Block 33, Bahay Pangarap Subdivision, Brgy. Sampaloc 4, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; Lot 9 Blk 37 Phase 3, CityHomes, Barrio of BuroI, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 20 January 2024 amounts to EIGHT

HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS & 81/100 (P 802,971.81) exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on May 23, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, BuroI 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. 057-2023004974

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BO. Of BuroI, MUN. OF DASMARIÑAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. of LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 9, Blk. 37 of the subd. plan PSD-04-053094, being a portion Lot 6191, Imus Estate, L.R.C Rec. No. ), situated in the BO. of BuroI, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 11, Blk. 37; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Alley 15; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 7 & on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 10, both Blk. 37, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 39 Deg. 26'E., 2588.85 m. from Mon. 153, Imus Estate; thence N. 74 Deg. 43'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 15 Deg. 17'E., 4.00 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 74 Deg. 43'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 15 Deg. 17'W., 4.00 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY EIGHT (38) Sq. Meters. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of original survey July 27, 1905 to June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey; Sept. 10, 1991-Jan. 10, 1992 and was approved on Feb. 10, 1992.

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 the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on June 6, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, March 12, 2025.

(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS

Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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Home Development Mutual Fund (PAG-IBIG Fund)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

Atty. Amely D. Agmata  
c/o Paulino E. Cases, Jr.  
Attorney-in-Fact, c/o Cases Chun & Associates Law Offices  
6th Floor, JELP Business Solution Bldg., 409 Addition Hills, Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

MARK ENJHO SUPETTRAN CLEOFAS,  
Lot 11 Block 33, Bahay Pangarap Subdivision, Brgy. Sampaloc 4, Dasmariñas City, Cavite  
Lot 9 Blk 37 Phase 3, CityHomes, Barrio of BuroI (Brgy. Sampaloc 4), Dasmariñas, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BANK OF COMMERCE,

Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-019-25

-versus-

NOEL P. LLAMOSO,

Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Creditor-Mortgagee, BANK OF COMMERCE with business address at San Miguel Properties Centre, No. 7 St. Francis Street, Mandaluyong City against the Mortgagor, NOEL P. LLAMOSO, with residence and postal addresses at a. Blk. 18, Lot 38, Woodcross Phase 7 Brgy. Tapia, Gen. Trias City, Cavite 4107 and b. No. 049 Sto. Niño Street, Oranbo Pasig City 1600 to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of December 27, 2024 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR PESOS AND 28/100 (P1,135,344.28), inclusive of interest and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece

Martires City, 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. 057-2021059058

LOT NO: 38	BLOCK NO: 18	
PLAN NO: PCS-04-032361		
PORTION OF: LOTS 1912 (FRS-04-005438); 1918 (RS-04-004387); 1913,1914,1985 (FRS-04-006221); 3263 (FRS-04-006218) & 1915, SFDM ESTATE, LRC RECORD NO. 5964, DECREE NO. 4270		
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF TAPIA, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON		
BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	
ADJOINING LOT(S)		
1-2	NE	LOT
39, BLOCK 18, PCS-04-032361		
2-3	SE	LOT
40, BLOCK 18, PCS-04-032361		
3-4	SW	
ROAD LOT 22, PCS-04-032361		
4-1	NW	LOT
36, BLOCK 18, PCS-04-032361		

AREA: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids 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 and time, it shall be held on April 25, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for

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

Trece Martires City, March 14, 2025.

ANDRES B. ESPINA

Sheriff IV

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BANK OF COMMERCE  
San Miguel Properties Centre, No. 7 St. Francis Street, Mandaluyong City

PEREZ, CALIMA, MAYNIGO, AMPARO & PERALTA LAW OFFICES  
Counsel for the Mortgagee  
Rooms 2114 and 2115, Cityland Herrera Tower 98 V.A. Rufino (formerly Herrera) cor. Valero Streets Ayala North, City of Makati  
perezcalimalawoffices@yahoo.com

NOEL P. LLAMOSO  
a. Blk. 18, Lot 38, Woodcross Phase 7 Brgy. Tapia, Gen. Trias City, Cavite 4107 and  
b. No. 049 Sto. Niño Street, Oranbo Pasig City 1600

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-192-25

-versus-

SPS. KRISTINE J. MAESTRO-BISONIA AND ROY FRANCIS S. BISONIA,

Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against the Debtors/Mortgagors, SPS. KRISTINE J. MAESTRO-BISONIA AND ROY FRANCIS S. BISONIA, with residence and postal address at (1) Brgy. Sawang, Romblon (occupied by addressee); and (2) Block 69 Lot 41, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite (abandoned property), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of February 17, 2025 amounts to TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT PESOS AND 23/100 (Php2,866,588.23), including interest, penalties, expenses and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main

entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, 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. 057-2021060248

LOT NO: 41	BLOCK NO: 69	
PLAN NO: PCS-04-030746		
PORTION OF: LOT 2171-B-1, PSD-04-003866, LOT 2171-N-B, FLS-1479-D STA CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE, LOT 2171-B-2-1, PSD-04-025600 & LOT 2171-B-2-J, PSD-04-024600		
LOCATION: BARRIO OF TANAUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON		
BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	
ADJOINING LOT(S)		
1-2	EAST	LOT
43, BLOCK 69, PCS-04-030746		
2-3	SOUTH	
ROAD LOT 86, PCS-04-030746		
3-4	WEST	LOT
39, BLOCK 69, PCS-04-030746		
4-1	NORTH	LOT
42, BLOCK 69, PCS-04-030746		

AREA: FORTY FOUR SQUARE METERS (44), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids 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 and time, it shall be held on April 25, 2025 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, March 14, 2025.

JOSELITO L. ARANDA

Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
CONSUMER BANKING GROUP – CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT  
33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS. KRISTINE J. MAESTRO-BISONIA AND ROY FRANCIS S. BISONIA  
(1) Brgy. Sawang, Romblon (occupied by addressee); and  
(2) Block 69 Lot 41, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Brgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite (abandoned property)

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-170-24

-versus-

WILMA O. CASIL married to HENRY C. CASIL,  
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, WILMA O. CASIL married to HENRY C. CASIL, WILMA O. CASIL is herein represented by HAZEL O. CASIL with residence and postal address at 2539 Tolentino St., Pasay City, Manila and Lot 25 Block 25, The Istana Tanza Subdivision, Amaya, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 28 November 2023 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS & 83/100 (P732,137.83), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, and other charges, as of said date but exclusive of all the other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on June 11, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder of CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2020015140

LOT NO: 25 BLOCK NO: 25  
PLAN NO: PCS-04-029390  
PORTION OF: LOT 1605-B, (LRC) PSD-119973, LOTS 2376, 2377 & 1607, STA. CRUZ  
DE MALABON ESTATE  
LOCATION: AMAYA, TANZA, CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON  
BOUNDARIES:  
LINE DIRECTION  
ADJOINING LOT(S)  
1-2 NW  
ROAD LOT 4, PCS-04-029390  
2-3 NE  
LOT 27, BLOCK 25, PCS-04-029390  
3-4 SE  
LOT 26, BLOCK 25, PCS-04-029390  
4-1 SW  
LOT 23, BLOCK 25, PCS-04-029390

AREA: SIXTY SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids 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 and time, it shall be held on June 25, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, May 9, 2024.

ANDRES B. ESPINA

Sheriff IV

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
c/o ATTY. AIRISA FE ESPERANZA D. MOLAEER

Attorney-in-Fact, ALEXIS A. MOLAEER LAW OFFICES  
Lex Citadel Bldg., No 7 La Salle St.  
Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City 1102

WILMA O. CASIL married to HENRY C. CASIL  
2539 Tolentino St., Pasay City, Manila and  
Lot 25 Block 25, The Istana Tanza Subdivision, Amaya, Tanza, Cavite

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ERRATUM

In our issue of May 13, 20 & 27, 2025, RE: HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, vs. WILMA O. CASIL married to HENRY C. CASIL, WILMA O. CASIL is herein represented by HAZEL O. CASIL, AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS was erroneously printed as AREA: SIXTY SQUARE METERS (60), MORE OR LESS.

Our Apology,  
Editor

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Company / Employer	Name of Foreign National intending to apply for the position
<b>Company Name:</b> P.IMES CORP. <b>Company Address:</b> Blk. 16 Phase 4, Cavite Economic Zone, Rosario, Cavite <b>Nature of Business:</b> Manufacturing	<b>Name:</b> Mitsuki Kawano <b>Address:</b> Ermita, Manila <b>Nationality:</b> Japanese <b>Intended period of employment:</b> One (1) year

P.IMES CORP. hereby declares that the above-name 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Andenson Bldg. II, Brgy. Parian, Calamba City, Laguna.

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

Please inform DOLE Regional Office if you have information of any criminal offense committed by foreign nationals.

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VACANCY (1)

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10 years experience in manufacturing relevant on Quality Control  
Can read write and speak fluent in Chinese Mandarin

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CONTACT PERSON: WINNIELYN SERAFIN  
EMAIL ADDRESS: [kwangta.epc@gmail.com](mailto:kwangta.epc@gmail.com)  
CONTACT NO. 046-840-0259

Company/ Employer	Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position
<b>Company Name:</b> KWANG TA ELECTRIC PHILS CORP. <b>Address:</b> #30 LOT 4 SOUTHCOAST INDUSTRIAL BANCAL CARMONA CAVITE <b>Nature of Business:</b> Manufacturing if Christmas Lights	<b>Name:</b> WANG HONG <b>Address:</b> #30 LOT 4 3rd floor Dormitory SOUTHCOAST INDUSTRIAL BANCAL CARMONA CAVITE <b>Nationality:</b> CHINESE <b>Intended period of employment:</b> Three (3) years

Kwangta Electric Phils Corp. hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing and qualified to perform the service and job description for the position. The company has intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment-Calabarzon Region located at 3/F Andenson Building II Parian, Calamba City

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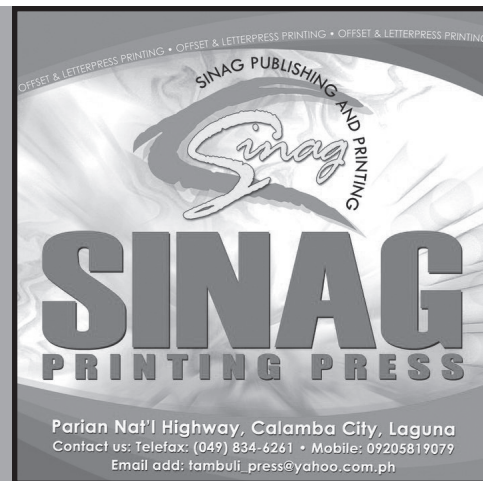
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## PGCEA Elects New Officers for 2025-2026 in a Highly Successful Election



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### Palace: Justice rolling down after FPRRD faces ICC's 'fair' pre-trial

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – Justice is “starting to roll down” after the International Criminal Court (ICC) held its “fair” pre-trial on former president Rodrigo R. Duterte’s drug war case, Malacañang said on March 15.

“This is what we call fair trial,” Palace Press Officer and Presidential Communications Office Undersecretary Claire Castro said in a statement when asked about the ICC’s pre-trial for Duterte’s alleged commission of crimes against humanity over his brutal war on illegal drugs.

“Witnessing the first appearance attended by FP (former president) Duterte before the ICC, everybody could see how justice starts to roll down,” she added.

Duterte was allowed to make his first appearance before the ICC via a video link

on Friday night (Manila time) because of the “long journey involving a considerable time difference” that he made from the Philippines.

The ICC scheduled the next hearing to confirm Duterte’s charges on Sept. 23.

Castro said the ICC did not accept the plea to postpone Duterte’s first appearance as “there is no need and it is not yet the time for the suspect to present his defenses and evidence.”

“The judge even emphasized that the Court’s doctor gave the opinion that FP Duterte is fully mentally aware and fit and that he had undergone further checks and tests at the detention facility,” she said.

Duterte’s legal counsel, former executive secretary Salvador Medialdea, presented a manifestation during the pre-trial and told the chamber that Duterte

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THE Provincial Government of Cavite Employees Association (PGCEA), the official organization representing the employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite, successfully conducted its election of officers for the 2025-2026 term on March 14, 2025. The event, held from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM through a secure online voting system, with employees

casting their votes in person at designated voting stations across the province, took place simultaneously at three designated voting stations: the Ceremonial Hall at the Old Provincial Capitol, the E-Library at the Legislative Building, and the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) Station.

Members of the Election Committee

supervised each station to facilitate the process and assist voters. Employees participated by signing in with the office’s focal person, seeking guidance from an Election Committee representative, and accessing the PGCEA online voting system via laptops and desktops provided at the stations. Voters could also scan a QR code to log in using

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### PH bats for stronger multilateralism to meet climate goals

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – An official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Wednesday underscored the need for stronger multilateral partnership and collaboration among countries to advance climate goals in the next five years.

“Of course, now we are being threatened by some country specific interest being pursued, but it is not the way we will be able to address climate change in the future,” Environment Undersecretary

Analiza Rebueta Teh said during a German Embassy-hosted climate forum in Makati City on Wednesday.

Teh explained that by 2035, Manila hopes that developed countries would have mobilized “enabling investments needed to pursue climate resilient infrastructure, nature-based solutions and community-led adaptation initiatives”.

“We can only achieve (it) through a strong, enhanced collaboration among countries,” she added.

Asian Development Bank Senior Climate Change

Officer Sugar Gonzales, for her part, said the ADB is committed to responding to the climate change needs of developing countries.

She expressed shared hope that by the time the 40th UN Climate Change Conference (COP40) is convened in 2035, countries are already discussing climate outcomes and developed states are contributing to this development.

The COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan last year closed with a new goal to triple finance and help developing countries against climate disaster. It produced

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