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# 2 bettors from Cavite, CDO to split P118-M Mega Lotto pot

By Christopher Lloyd Caliwan

MANILA – Two bettors from Cavite and Cagayan de Oro will split the PHP118 million jackpot of Monday night's Mega Lotto 6/45 draw.

In an advisory on Tuesday, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) said the winners from Imus, Cavite, and Cagayan de Oro City correctly guessed the winning combination of 25-37-08-45-24-18.

The winners have a

year to claim their share of the PHP118,964,375.60 jackpot at the PCSO main office in Mandaluyong City upon presentation of the winning ticket and two identification cards.

Lotto winnings of more than PHP10,000 will be subjected to 20 percent tax under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law.

Meanwhile, 59 other bettors won PHP32,000 each

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Image courtesy of (PCSO)

## CICC warns of scam SMS in e-wallet services

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz

MANILA – The Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) on Thursday warned the public about a new scam circulating through short message service (SMS) that can enter legitimate message threads for e-wallet services like Gcash and Maya.

In a statement, CICC Executive Director Alexander Ramos said such fraudulent messages usually contain links to a fake site that capture the account holders' details, including one-time passwords and other personal details.

"We are seeing more and more scam text inserting itself into legitimate Gcash or

Maya SMS," Ramos said.

He said scam SMS can sneak messages into legitimate message threads by using a web portal or application.

He also called on the public to be more vigilant and never click links sent through text messages.

To help inform its users, Smart, Maya, and Gcash have sent messages to their customers to never open links sent by text even from them.

"Scammers are now using illegal cell towers to send texts that appear to be from trusted brands," the advisory SMS from Maya read. (PNA)

# PCO commends NPO for 123 years of service

By Marita Moaje

MANILA – The Presidential Communications Office (PCO) has commended the National Printing Office (NPO) for 123 years of reliable service to the Filipino people.

PCO Senior Undersecretary

Ridao lauded the office for its reliability and integrity as it serves as an integral part of the government's mission to communicate effectively with the people during the celebration of the 123rd anniversary of the NPO at its office in Quezon City on Thursday.

"One hundred twenty-three years is a huge feat for any agency, but especially one with really such a small number of people running such a very large operation," Ridao said.

"For over a century, you have been the pillar

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## PH in talks with ASEAN claimant states to fast-track COC progress

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora

MANILA – The Philippine government has initiated talks with Southeast Asian nations party to the South China Sea to fast-track progress on the negotiation of a code of conduct (COC) in the disputed sea, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Thursday.

Speaking at the

Pacific Forum-organized Manila Dialogue on the South China Sea, DFA Assistant Secretary Marshall Louis Alferz underscored the need to improve the pace of negotiation for an "effective COC".

"The Philippines believes that improved coordination among the

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MILESTONE. Presidential Communications Office Senior Undersecretary Emerald Ridao addresses National Printing Office (NPO) employees on the celebration of the 123rd founding anniversary of the agency on Thursday (Nov. 7, 2024) at its office in Quezon City. The NPO is tasked to print ballots for the national and local elections. (PNA Photo by Marita Moaje)



## Senators expect PH-US good relations to continue under Trump

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA – Senators on Thursday expressed hope for continued “excellent relations” between the Philippines and the United States under President-elect Donald Trump.

In a message to reporters, Senate President Francis Escudero admitted that he is not certain of Trump’s plans but said he is positive that they would favor Filipinos.

“I cannot foretell what President-elect Trump may or may not do. However, our country’s relations with the US was fairly well under his presidency before, so I am hopeful that his assumption would bode well for our country,” Escudero said.

Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino highlighted Trump’s focus on revitalizing the American economy, which could bring stability to global affairs and benefit the Philippines.

“The election of Donald Trump with a clear and commanding mandate should bring healing and stability to the United States which, in recent years, has been polarized by diverging opinions over politics and the economy,” Tolentino said in a statement, anticipating a stronger and more dynamic chapter in US-Philippines relations.

Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, in a Facebook post,

said he sees the Americans choosing to preserve their traditional institutions, customs, and values by electing Trump.

“We can see that the United States of America has once again leaned towards Conservatism, the protection of the Family and their respect for God and Country! When the other camp uses abortion as a key campaign slogan and heavily using a woke agenda, then the silent majority will awaken and say enough is enough,” Zubiri said.

“As a Catholic, my heart is full of joy that hopefully there would be an agenda that is Pro Family, Pro God, Pro Economy, even Pro-Gun and Anti Crime. The people have spoken. Democracy wins.”

Meanwhile, Senator Ronald Dela Rosa, a supporter of Trump, expressed his excitement about potentially visiting the US again.

“My kumpadre is winning the polls. I think I can visit the US of A again. Let’s go Republicans!” Dela Rosa said in his Facebook post with an old photo of him with Trump.

Senator Robinhood Padilla congratulated Trump and praised the peaceful election process, emphasizing the power of the people’s vote.

“It is my hope that the Philippines, our Motherland, will benefit from Mr. Trump’s leadership in the coming years,” Padilla said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Senator Loren Legarda affirmed the Philippine government’s commitment to shared democratic values with the US.

“Our diplomatic and defense alliance with the United States has long served as a pillar of stability in the Asia-Pacific, guided by shared aspirations for peace, security, and respect for sovereignty,” she said.

Legarda said she is hoping for further cooperation with US in areas of mutual interest, including economic resilience, climate action, and regional security.

### PH-US military relations remain strong

A Philippine Navy official said Thursday that relations between the Philippines and US militaries remain strong despite the change in American leadership.

“Our long history of shared values, common interests, and respect for international law will transcend administrations both in the US and in our country. Our military relationship will remain strong,” PN spokesperson for West Philippine Sea Rear Admiral Roy Vincent Trinidad told the Philippine News Agency.

“It is in both our interest that the Indo-Pacific will remain free and open to all,” he added. (With Priam F. Nepomuceno/PNA)

### Marcos...

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sea lanes demonstrates his administration’s assertion of the country’s rights as an archipelagic state while fulfilling its obligations under international law.

“It is expected that the clarity of the extent of the maritime zones and the determination of archipelagic sea lanes will impact domestic laws and regulations at the national and at the local level,” Marcos said.

“I therefore call on all concerned government agencies and the local governments to review rules and regulations against these new laws with a view of undertaking the necessary steps for their effective implementation.”

### Maritime zones

The Philippine Maritime Zones Act or RA 12064 aims to declare the rights and entitlements of the Philippines over its maritime zones to establish legal bases for the conduct of social, economic, commercial, and other activities in the areas.

RA 12064 provides for a general declaration of the maritime zones under the jurisdiction of the Philippines, which include internal waters, archipelagic waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone (EEZ), and continental shelf.

The new law defines the maximum extent of the territorial sea (12 nautical miles), contiguous zone (24 nautical miles), EEZ (200 nautical miles), and continental shelf.

It also allows the delineation of continental shelves extending beyond 200 nautical miles, in accordance with Article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The law also provides for sovereign rights over the Philippines’ maritime zones, establishing the country’s exclusive rights to explore and exploit living and nonliving resources found in the zones, in compliance with the UNCLOS and other existing laws and treaties.

The rights of the Philippines relative to its maritime zones and entitlements shall be exercised in accordance with the UNCLOS and the awards rendered by the Hague-based arbitral tribunal in Permanent

Court of Arbitration Case 23 No. 2013-19 in the matter of the South China Sea Arbitration between the Philippines and China handed down on July 12, 2016.

“The Philippines reaffirms its sovereignty, sovereign rights, and jurisdiction in our waters. By defining and asserting our maritime zones, we project to the international community that we are staunchly committed to nurturing, cultivating, and protecting our maritime domain,” Marcos said.

### Archipelagic sea lanes

Meanwhile, the Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act or RA 12065 designates the sea lanes and air routes suitable for the continuous and expeditious passage of foreign ships and aircraft through or over its archipelagic water and the adjacent territorial sea.

RA 12065 was signed to prevent arbitrary international passage in the Philippine archipelago.

It also prescribes the rights and obligations of foreign ships and aircraft exercising the right of archipelagic sea lanes passage through the established Philippine archipelagic sea lanes.

The new law penalizes non-compliance with the provisions of the law, as well as with existing fisheries, environmental, customs, fiscal, immigration, sanitary, and other pertinent laws.

Marcos said RA 12065 complements both the maritime and aerial policies by establishing a route system in the country’s archipelagic waters, as well as the airspace above it.

He said the designated archipelagic sea lanes and air routes aim to facilitate safe passage for foreign ships and aircraft without compromising national security or diminishing security for good environmental stewardship.

“These sea lanes will offer continuous, expeditious, and unobstructed transit for vessels and air transport while obliging them to comply with navigational regulations and procedures, as well as with the air rules of flight safety and protocols,” Marcos said. (PNA)

### Rail ...

of passengers.

“Prudence has prompted the PRI to ensure the availability of proficient rail operators and maintenance personnel years before the big-ticket rail systems go online,” Bautista said.

Representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Transportation Science Society of the Philippines (TSSP), and Asian Development Bank (ADB) also attended the conference themed “Reinforcing Safety and Security in the Philippine Railway Sector.”

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JICA Philippines Chief Representative Sakamoto Takema shared their commitment and cooperation in helping the Philippines create and build a reliable, safe, and efficient railway system.

PRI OIC-Executive Director Anneli Lontoc expressed her gratitude to JICA, TSSP, and ADB as partners that helped in advancing the country’s railway sector.

“We are grateful for your support as we work towards providing the Filipino people with the comfortable,

accessible, safe, sustainable, and affordable railway transportation system,” she said.

Japan Minister for Economic Affairs Nihei Daisuke attended the conference, highlighting how safety is at the heart of the railway business.

Nihei also expressed his hopes that through the conference, the railway industry, the government, and the academe will continue to collaborate and contribute to the future development of railway projects in the Philippines. (PNA)

### PSA...

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PSA. Pero ayaw rin naman natin na ganun lang kadaling gamitin ito para manloko (We know that late registration is important and necessary for our countrymen who live in remote places or have difficulty accessing PSA offices. But we

don’t want it to be easily used for fraud),” Hontiveros said.

Poe replied that the PSA already issued a memorandum circular adding ID pictures and biometrics as requirements for the national ID.

After a review using data analytics, she said, the PSA recorded 14.89 million late registrations submitted from 2010 to 2024.

She added that 50,532 birth certificates, or 0.34 percent, are being audited. (PNA)

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



# Dengue cases over 300K, deaths lower

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Thursday said the number of dengue cases nationwide from Jan. 1 to Oct. 26 has reached 314,785.

Latest data show that the country's case fatality rate is 0.26 percent which is lower compared to last year's 0.34 percent for the same period.

"For every one hundred Filipinos diagnosed with dengue, the number of deaths decreased this year compared to last year," the DOH said.

"This is likely attributed to better health-seeking practices and improved healthcare delivery."

From Sept. 29 to Oct. 12, there are 21,097 cases reported nationwide. This figure is 8 percent lower compared to the 23,032 cases

reported from Sept. 15 to 28.

The only regions that logged an increase in cases from Sept. 29 to Oct. 12 are the National Capital Region with 3,002 cases from 2,765 cases; Central Luzon with 2,351 cases from 2,219 cases; and Calabarzon with 3,513 cases from 2,907 cases.

The DOH is working with local government units in the prevention and testing initiatives against dengue.

Its initiatives include destruction of mosquito breeding grounds, information dissemination on protection - covering more of their skin and use mosquito repellants, and early detection and management of cases.

The DOH also provides diagnostic kits and insecticides in hotspot areas. (PNA)



BREEDING PLACES. Health personnel conducts dengue monitoring and surveillance in Barangay Poblacion, Leon on Sept. 11, 2024. The Department of Health on Thursday (Nov. 7, 2024) said there are 21,097 cases reported nationwide from Sept. 29 to Oct. 12, 8 percent lower compared to the 23,032 cases from Sept. 15 to 28. (Photo courtesy of IPHO FB page)

# DILG chief vows timely announcement of gov't work, class suspensions



Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary Marshall Louis Alferes (Screenshot/Philippine Coast Guard stream)

MANILA – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Tuesday vowed to announce the suspension of government work and classes a day ahead of a typhoon's arrival.

This as President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. authorized the agency to announce the suspension in the event of a weather disturbance.

In a press briefing in Malacañang, DILG Secretary

Jonvic Remulla said he used to announce the suspension of work and classes a day ahead of a typhoon's arrival when he was still Cavite governor.

Remulla said he will do the same as Interior chief in compliance with the President's directive.

"When I was governor of Cavite, I was always a day ahead," he said.

Remulla said data from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), as well as the US' Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), Windy.app, and the Japan Meteorological Agency will be utilized to make a "forecast model" that will be used as basis for the suspension announcement. (PNA)

## PCO ...

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of reliability, of integrity, serving as the cornerstone of our government's mission to communicate effectively and transparently with the Filipino people, and you should all be proud to be a part of that," the PCO official said as she addressed NPO employees.

The NPO's work, she added, is marked by service, resilience and a deep sense of responsibility to the Filipino people.

She commended the agency as it performs the heavy task of printing official ballots and other election forms, including the upcoming 2025 midterm polls.

Meanwhile, NPO Chief Francis Carlo Tapanan recognized the contribution of each NPO employee whose unwavering dedication and positive attitude helped shape the NPO throughout the decades.

"The strength of this

agency lies in the dedication of its own people. The strong collaboration with our partners and stakeholders, who together, worked tirelessly to maintain the quality of our printing services in the face of ever-changing and ever-challenging times. It is through your skills, passion, and commitment that NPO continues to thrive," he said.

The NPO serves as the government's printing arm tasked to produce government accountable forms, official election ballots, the Official Gazette, and other public documents, ensuring that these comply with the quality and security standards required by the government.

It undertakes the printing of information materials for the Philippine Information Agency, the Office of the Press Secretary, and the Office of the President. (PNA)

## 2 bettors ...

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for guessing five of the six winning digits; 2,420 will get PHP1,000 each for four correct digits; and 38,709 will settle for PHP30 each for three correct digits.

The 6/45 Mega Lotto is drawn every Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday.

The PCSO urges the public to support its gaming products to raise more revenues for health initiatives, medical services, and other national charities. (PNA)

## PH ...

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ASEAN claimant states is critical if we want to make substantive progress in this regard. This is why the Philippines has initiated and will continue to convene an informal coordination meeting with other ASEAN claimant states, as well as engaging with them bilaterally," he said.

Talks on crafting a COC have been ongoing since 2018 after its framework was adopted and endorsed by the leaders of China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Progress, however, was stalled during the pandemic as the health crisis made in-person meetings virtually impossible to convene.

In an ASEAN Summit last month, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. disclosed that to this day, parties have even yet to agree on the definition of a concept as basic as "self-restraint".

"While there are divergences in positions and alignments among the ASEAN

member states, we continue to hope that ASEAN would demonstrate a unified and stronger stance on this issue," Alferes said.

"While the pace of the COC negotiations has to be improved, we remain confident that ASEAN continues to serve as an agent for peace and security in the region," he added.

The COC is seen to serve as a set of agreed rules to manage incidents and prevent disputes from escalating into

armed confrontations in the South China Sea.

Alferes said the agreed COC should be fully anchored on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and has to "effectively govern the behavior of parties at sea".

He said this COC should also ensure that "third country user states" or non-party states continue to enjoy their rights and freedom in the South China Sea. (PNA)

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.



Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary Marshall Louis Alferes (Screenshot/Philippine Coast Guard stream)



# EDITORIAL

## Of Filipinos and Filipino

*“ANG hindi magmahal sa sariling wika ay higit sa hayop at malansang isda. Kaya pagyamanin ng kusa tulad ng inang sa atin ay nagpala.”*

Dr. Jose Rizal purportedly wrote the poem “*Sa Aking Mga Kabata*” in Filipino as a precocious eight-year-old, linking the concept of freedom to the use of one’s mother tongue. We say “*purportedly*” because serious doubts have been raised about our national hero’s authorship of the literary gem from which the lines above come.

First, there is no handwritten original of the poem among all the chronicles, diaries, and literary output that the prolific Rizal produced, mostly in Spanish, using his quill. Second, the piece was published long after his passing, and its genesis remains murky to this day.

Curiously, *Sa Aking Mga Kabata* mentions the word “*kalayaan*,” or freedom, twice. Why, then, did Rizal, as a 20-something student abroad, ask his brother for the translation of the word “*freedom*” into Filipino while he was adapting the story of William Tell for a children’s book in Tagalog? Didn’t he already use the word as an eight-year-old?

Then there’s the issue regarding “*having K*.” It is not whether he was capable at that tender age of writing a very mature-sounding and polished poem, but rather whether the letter “*K*” was already in use during that time. Historians could be accused of revisionism if they point out that if Rizal really penned it, then it should have been written this way: “*Sa Aking Mga Kabata*.” *Kalayaan* would also be written as “*calayaan*.”

The debate, however, should not detract from the importance of a country like ours nurturing and actually using the mother tongue, especially in light of a proposed measure to discontinue Filipino as a medium of instruction in Kindergarten to Grade 3, providing for its optional implementation only in monolingual classes. The measure lapsed into law as (RA) 12027 last week without President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. having signed it.

While proponents of the law argue that it will improve the quality of education by ensuring that instruction is delivered in languages familiar to learners, critics contend that it undermines the importance of nurturing the mother tongue as a cornerstone of cultural identity and national unity.

Those in favor of the new

law emphasize that the Philippines’ linguistic diversity, with so many major dialects, poses significant challenges in ensuring effective and equitable education. They argue that by transitioning to English earlier, students can develop a stronger foundation in the major language, widely used in various domains of life. Moreover, they believe that this approach will better prepare students for higher education and the global job market.

However, those opposed to the law raise concerns about the potential negative consequences of abandoning mother tongue instruction in the early years.

They argue that language plays a crucial role in cognitive development, cultural transmission and emotional well-being.

Learning in the mother tongue provides students with a familiar and comfortable environment, fostering a sense of belonging and confidence.

Additionally, they cite studies showing that students who receive early instruction in their native language tend to have better academic outcomes and stronger critical thinking skills.

As things stand, the conflicting views over RA 12027 has highlighted the broader issue of nurturing a Filipino language that can unify Filipinos across the nation. While Filipino has been designated as the national language, it remains relatively young with limited resources and usage compared to English. Promoting Filipino through education and other initiatives can help foster a sense of national identity and strengthen cultural ties among Filipinos from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

RA 12027’s passage marks a significant shift in the Philippines’ educational landscape. While the law aims to improve the quality of education, it also raises important questions about the role of the mother tongue and the need to nurture a unifying Filipino language. A balanced approach that recognizes the value of both language diversity and national unity is essential to ensure that the Philippines’ education system meets the needs of all its citizens.

If Rizal had indeed written “*Sa Aking Mga Kabata*,” if not as a young boy but as a young man admonishing Filipinos to embrace the mother tongue early in life, what would his reaction be to RA 12027? He may well be turning in his grave.



Photo courtesy of [tribune.net.ph](http://tribune.net.ph)

# KAPIRASONG kritika

Ni Teo S. Marasigan

## Renan Catapang Agtay

### PART 3

Ibig sabih’y maduduwag din siya sa dulo at ang magagawang aminin ay ang pagiging aktibista.

May kapansanan si Renan. Bingi siya at mahigit isang libo ang grado ng salamin. Paborito niyang kwento ang minsang pagsasalita sa klase para mag-imbata sa isang rali. Nanghikayat siya ng tanong mula sa mga estudyante. May nagtanong.

Nakangiti niya itong tinitingnan. Nang matapos na ang pagtatanong, katahimikan. Nang mapansin niyang hinintay siyang sumagot, sabi niya, “*Pwedeng pakiulit? Bingi po kasi ako.*” Tawanan. Sa halip na mainsulto, tumawa rin siya nang bahagya at pagkatapos ay ibinigay ang pinakamatalas na sagot. Palakpakan ang klase.

B a g a m a t nananawagan ng pag-unawa para sa mga may kapansanan, sinikap niya itong pangibabawan sa pagkilos, sa kampus man o sa kanayunan. Sabi nga sa Facebook ng isa niyang kaibigan, patungkol sa pagpapasyana mag-ambag sa rebolusyon, halimbawa siya ng mga kasabihang “*Internal ang mapagpasya,*” hindi ang mga eksternal na pumipigil. “*Pangunahin ang kapasyahan, sekundaryo ang kakayahan,*” lalo na pagdating sa pagsapi sa NPA. At ng mas pikon na bersyon ng mga ito, “*Kung gusto may paraan; kung ayaw, maraming*

*dahilan.*”

May biru-birong sa NPA, naitalaga siyang eksperto sa bomba. Ang sabi ng mga kasamahan ang dahilan ay nakikita lang niya ang ganda ng pagsabog, at hindi ito naririnig. Ang totoo, sabi ni Renan, todo-alalay sa kanya ang mga kasama, at minsan, ang pakiramdam niya ay pabigat na siya sa mga ito. Pero dahil wagas ang pagtulong at pag-alalay, aniya, “*tyinaga ko lang nang tyinaga. Kinarir ko mula pag-aaral ng lokal na wika, pagbubuhay ng mabibigat na gamit, pagpapakintab ng M-16 hanggang sa paghahanda at pagluluto ng pagkain.*”

Marami siyang nagawa lampas pa sa kakayahan ng mga walang kapansanan, at para sa bayan.

Sa likod ng lahat ng performances ni Renan, ang totoo’y isa siyang rebolusyunaryong intelektwal.

Mahilig siya sa pagtuturo ng mga rebolusyunaryong aralin, at natutulungan siya ng kanyang matatas na Tagalog at malinaw na pananalita.

Matatalas ang mga komento at mungkahi niya sa linya ng Kilusan sa iba’t ibang usapin. Madalas siyang magkomento sa mga binabasa at napapakinggan: Parang kapos ang mga argumento, parang Trotskyista ang linya, kulang sa paliwanag...

Mabilis din siyang makaisip ng mga sagot sa iba’t ibang usapin na matalas at matulain.

Minsan, nagkukwento

siyang nabagot na siya sa kakakwento ng isang kasama tungkol sa mga kalungkutan at pesimismo. Bigla raw niyang nasabi, “*Hindi baga’t ang ating tagumpay ay ipupundar sa mga pagkakamali? Ang mahalaga’y patuloy tayong sumusubok, nagtatasa at natututo.*”

Sabi ng isa niyang kaibigan sa Facebook, “*Mahal ng mga tao si Renan... Kapag nag-isip ka ng masama laban sa kanya, totoong masama kang tao.*” Ang sabi naman ng isa pa, “*Ibang lebel din ang pang-unawa mo. May kahinaan ang tenga mo pero lagi’t lagi kang nakikinig sa aming mga chika – seryosohan man or pang-showbiz lang. Malabo ang mga mata mo pero lagi’t laging maganda ang tingin mo sa mga bagay-bagay, lalo na sa kinabukasan ng sambayanan at sangkatauhan.*”

Bago siya pumanaw, matapat siyang tinanong ng mga dumalaw na kaibigan at kasama kung ano ang gusto niya sa kanyang burol. Sabi niya, “*isang simpleng pumpon ng bulaklak na karit at maso.*” Natupad iyun ng mga kaibigan at kasama.

Pero itong nakapublikong nakasulat na parangal, ngayon pa lang. Paumanhin, Renan, pero nananatili kang buhay sa puso ng lahat ng nakakilala sa iyo at nagpapatuloy ng pakikibakang hinangad mong isulong at ipagtagumpay.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND),  
Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL  
ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT NO.  
3135, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4118

versus-

ROBERT P. PAREJA for himself and as  
Attorney-In-Fact, of his wife, IMELDA R. PAREJA,  
Mortgagors.

F.C. Case No. 19201-24  
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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 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against ROBERT P. PAREJA for himself and as Attorney-In-Fact, of his wife, IMELDA R. PAREJA, mortgagors, with residence and postal addresses at Blk. 11 Lot 5 Prima Homes Subd., Alapan 1-C, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 6 Blk. 9, Dreamville 4 Imus Subd., Alapan 1C,

Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 10, 2024 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE PESOS & 71/100 (Php724,399.71), Philippine Currency, including interest but excluding penalties, attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on November 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2012034486

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6 BLK. 9 OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04-200927, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1556-C-1, PSD-042109-065639, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843) SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF ALAPAN-1C, MUN. OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE N.E., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 8 BLK. 9; ON THE S.E., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 11; ON THE S.W., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 4; AND ON THE N.W., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 5, BOTH BLK. 9, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS. X X X"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 26, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for

themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if any there be.

City of Imus, Cavite, October 10, 2024.

(SGD) ROSVIDA C. NOCUM  
Sheriff IV  
Branch 22

APPROVED:

(SGD) ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Branch 90  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1498-24  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
BY ACT 4118

-versus-

ALLAN C. ROBEDILLO,  
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 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, ALLAN C. ROBEDILLO with postal address at (1) No. 42 Mangga St., Camarin Novaliches; and 2) Lot 30 Blk. 19, Solar Homes, PH1, Brgy. Langcaan, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 amounts to TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO PESOS AND 35/100 (Php205,372.35), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on

DECEMBER 17, 2024 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-575508

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 30, Blk. 19 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-065358, being a portion of Lot 3826-New, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. of Langcaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 32, Blk. 19; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 16; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 28; and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 29, both of Blk. 19, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 42 deg. 45'E., 870 m. from Mon. No. 144, Imus Estate, thence N. 20 deg. 58'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 69 deg. 02'E., 3.75 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 20 deg. 58'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 69 deg. 02'W., 3.75 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey; July 27, 1905 to June 1, 1908 and that of the subd. survey, March 5-15, 21-27, & April 14-20, 1993, which was approved on Sept. 16, 1993.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

ALLAN C. ROBEDILLO, single, of legal age, Filipino.

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 public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on JANUARY 7, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, November 4, 2024.

(Sgd.) ARLYN P. BARCELON  
Sheriff IV

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

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Notice posted at:

1. The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court, Dasmariñas City, Cavite
2. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
3. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
4. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ERNESTO SR. DE GRANO UMALI who died intestate on DECEMBER 10, 2023 at Poblacion 8, Talisay Batangas who left a parcel of land covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-45812, Pin 129-00-031-010-102 and APRN AD-00031-01199 located at Sungay West, Tagaytay City, Cavite which has been extra judicially settled by his heirs namely, RENATO B. UMALI, JOSE ANDRES B, UMALI, ROMULO B. UMALI, ERNESTO JR. B. UMALI, ARTURO B. UMALI, JOSELITO B. UMALI, JULIUS P. UMALI, AND MARIA LOUISA P. UMALI as per Doc. No. 168, Page No. 35, Book Number VI, Series of 2024, Notary Public Atty. Juan Paolo O. Luna.

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of JOSEPH ANICETA LIBUTAN of legal age with residence address at Block 13, Lot 16, Tierra Nevada Subd. Brgy. San Francisco General Trias City, Cavite that on October 17, 2024 the receipt with Invoice no. 531288 issued by Waby Enterprises was lost under his custody and can no longer be found nor located that's why he executed this AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS as per Doc. No. 59, Page No. 12, Book No. XII, Series of 2024, Notary Public Atty. Gervacio B. Ortiz Jr.

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- Assist in preparation of technical and financial bidding documents;

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/college Degree of any related course, Engineering graduate is a plus;
- Minimum of 5 years proven experience in construction or engineering preferred;
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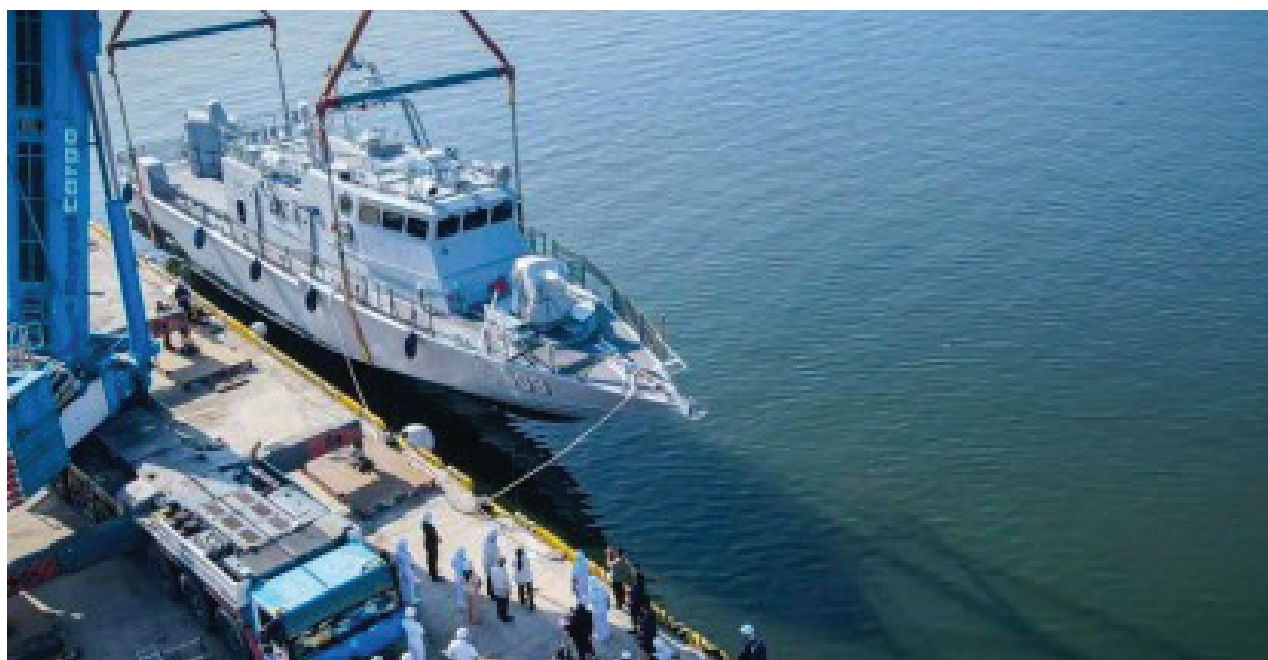
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- Assess project risk and issues and provide solutions where applicable.
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- Proven work experience as a Project Coordinator or similar role
- Minimum of 5 years contract experience in construction or engineering preferred;
- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Mandarin Language;
- Must be Mandarin speaking, excellent interpersonal skills, excellent communication skills, attention to detail and leadership skills

# ‘First in-country’ assembled missile-capable attack craft launched



ASSEMBLED IN PH. The BRP Albert Majini (PG-909), the “first in-country” assembled fast attack interdiction craft-missile, during its launching ceremony on Nov. 12, 2024 at the Naval Shipyard in Cavite City. The newly launched FAIC-M is part of the Acero-class patrol gunboat fleet in the Navy’s Littoral Combat Force, of which six are now in service. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Navy)

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The Philippine Navy has launched the “first in-country” assembled fast attack interdiction craft-missile (FAIC-M) at the naval shipyard in Cavite City.

Navy chief Vice Admiral Toribio Adaci Jr.

said the launching of the BRP Albert Majini (PG-909) on Nov. 12 shows the renewed focus on revitalizing shipbuilding capabilities in the country.

“This milestone represents our progress in strengthening national security and our commitment to advancing the Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) program, particularly in shipbuilding,”

Adaci said.

The launching is a ceremony and a nautical tradition where the ship’s hull is transferred from the water for the first time.

Present in the launching ceremonies were Defense Undersecretary Salvador Melchor Mison Jr., Ambassador of Israel to the Philippines Ilan Fluss and other ranking military and naval officials.

The newly launched FAIC-M is part of the Acero-class patrol gunboat fleet in the Navy’s Littoral Combat Force, of which six are now in service.

Under the contract with Israeli Shipyards Limited, which calls for the delivery of nine FAIC-Ms, the shipbuilder is also required to transfer technology to allow the Navy to beef up its shipbuilding capabilities.

These ships have quick intercept capabilities and top speed of 40 knots ideal for addressing current and emerging security threats.

The acquisition of the FAIC-M aims to reinforce the country’s littoral and coastal defense and allows the PN to effectively perform its mission of safeguarding the country’s maritime interests.

“This effort not only empowers our armed forces but also boosts our industries to further innovation and strengthen our maritime nation,” Adaci said. (PNA)

# CALABARZON PNP provincial offices declared drug-free

By Charmaine Odong

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) has formally recognized the police provincial offices of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Rizal, including the Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, as drug-free workplaces.

In ceremonies held at Camp Vicente Lim on November 6, drug-free markers were unveiled which highlights the commitment, discipline and dedication of Calabarzon’s police officers in upholding their sworn duties in getting rid of illegal drugs.

The DDB has previously conferred the drug-free workplace distinction to the PRO IV-A in April 2024, and to the Quezon Police Provincial Office in September 2024, making PNP Calabarzon the first

police regional office in the country to be recognized as a fully drug-free workplace.

Joining the event were DDB Executive Director USec Earl Saavedra, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) IV-A Regional Director Atty. Jacquelyn De Guzman and Police Regional Office IV-A officials.

“All eyes are in this PRO, and people from different parts of the country are looking here, especially in terms of strengthening and deepening the police organization’s commitment to our overall anti-drug agenda. Region IV-A is not only an exemplary PRO, it also demonstrates that this office is fully functional and has implemented a state-of-the-art drug initiative that we are truly proud of,” Saavedra said.

In his message, Saavedra emphasized the importance of maintaining drug-free police stations to ensure that officers adhere and properly implement policies, in line with the national government’s Philippine Anti-Illegal Drug Strategy.

“The direction of our drug-free workplace program, particularly in the aspect of treatment and rehabilitation, follows a ‘no-wrong-entry-door policy’ for every intervention provided. Why do we reiterate this? Because we want to demonstrate to the public that our approach to drug abuse prevention and the government’s overall agenda is rights-based,” the executive director added.

The DDB likewise recognized force multipliers like barangay tanods who support the government’s anti-illegal drugs agenda at the grassroots level.

For Eduardo Kempis, 60, team leader of Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team of Barangay 4, Lucena City, the recognition they received is an important validation in keeping their duties and responsibilities in supporting crime prevention goals and promoting public order and safety within their jurisdiction.

“We are grateful because, as small public servants in our government, we have been given the opportunity to receive an award. They recognized the service we have been providing to our barangay,” Kempis said. (CO/PIA-4A)



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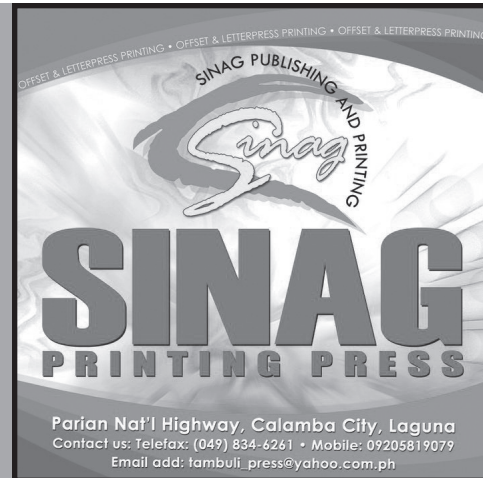
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## Marcos inks laws on PH Maritime Zones, Archipelagic Sea Lanes

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday signed laws declaring the maritime zones under Philippine jurisdiction and designating sea lanes in the country for foreign vessels and aircraft.

Marcos signed the two new laws in a ceremony at Malacañan Palace in Manila.

In his keynote speech, the President said the signing of Republic Acts (RA) 12064 and 12065 demonstrates the country's commitment as a responsible member of the international community and advocacy to uphold rules-based international order.

He added that the laws signal his administration's resolve to protect the country's maritime resources, preserve its rich biodiversity, and ensure that Philippine waters remain a source of life and livelihood for all Filipinos.

*"Today, we gather for the signing of two very significant laws that emphasize the importance of our maritime and archipelagic identity – the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and the Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act,"* he said after signing the two new laws.

*"With these pieces of legislation, we align our domestic laws with international law, specifically the UN Conventions on the Law of the Sea or UINCLOS to improve our capacity for governance and reinforce our maritime policies for economic development and for national security."*

Marcos said the new laws signify the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and prosperity of Philippine maritime domain.

He said the declaration of the country's maritime zones and archipelagic



**NEW LAWS.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. formally signs into law the Philippine Maritime Zones Bill and the Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes Bill in a ceremony at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Friday (Nov. 8, 2024). The new laws will be known as Republic Act (RA) 12064 or the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and RA 12065 or the Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes. (Photo from Malacañang Press Corps Pool)

## Rail projects anchored on safety, socio-economic benefits – Bautista

MANILA – Passenger safety and security as well as socio-economic benefits to communities are paramount components of the Department of Transportation's (DOTr) big-ticket rail projects.

During the 2nd Philippine Railway Conference at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria on Thursday, Transportation Secretary Jaime J. Bautista said safety and security awareness needs to be cascaded to every construction site of rail projects.

*"Whether we build the elongated North-South Commuter Railway or the mammoth Metro Manila Subway or the pioneering Mindanao Railway, we should always be safety and security conscious at every phase of construction,"* Bautista said in a news release.

Bautista noted that equally vital is the socio-economic impacts of rail infrastructures, adding that the implementation of rail

projects generates jobs and spurs economic activity inside and around the project sites.

*"Long before passengers actually experience comfortable and efficient train rides, residents of communities along these railway lines are the first beneficiaries of these infrastructure projects,"* Bautista said.

He also cited the Philippine Railways Institute (PRI) for the globally competitive human resources needed in implementing the

country's new railway systems.

To ensure the availability of proficient rail operators and maintenance personnel, Bautista said the PRI has produced 3,300 trained personnel out of the 3,700 rail workers.

The DOTr will come out with an occupational safety and health policy for the railway sector that will mandate the protection and benefits of rail workers and ensure the safety and security

## PSA: Blocked birth registrations now 1.6K, 18 up for cancellation

By Wilnard Bacelonia

MANILA – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has been able to block 1,627 late birth registrations of foreign nationals that it found "spurious" during its investigation.

This was reported by Senator Grace Poe as she defended the proposed 2025 budget of the PSA in a plenary session.

Poe said the names of these foreign nationals were already given to the Bureau of Immigration, Department of Foreign Affairs, and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

*"But from what I know, out of those numbers, 18 were endorsed to the OSG (Office of the Solicitor General) for cancellation,"* Poe said, citing dismissed Bamban, Tarlac mayor Alice Guo, also

known as Guo Hua Ping, as one of them.

She also noted that the concerned local government units were notified of the names of government officers who might be involved in the registration of these foreign nationals.

Poe said the NBI is also conducting an investigation to file appropriate charges.

Senate Deputy Minority Leader Risa Hontiveros, who raised the concern to Poe, inquired if the PSA is already implementing reforms in its system to prevent the scheme from happening again.

*"Alam po nating mahalaga ang late registration at kailangan ito ng mga kababayan nating nakatira sa malayong lugar o hirap ang access sa mga opisina ng"*



**SAFE RAILWAY.** Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista delivers a message during the 2nd Philippine Railway Conference at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria on Thursday (Nov. 7, 2024). Bautista said passenger safety and security as well as socio-economic benefits to communities are paramount components of big-ticket rail projects. (Photo from DOTr FB page)

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