

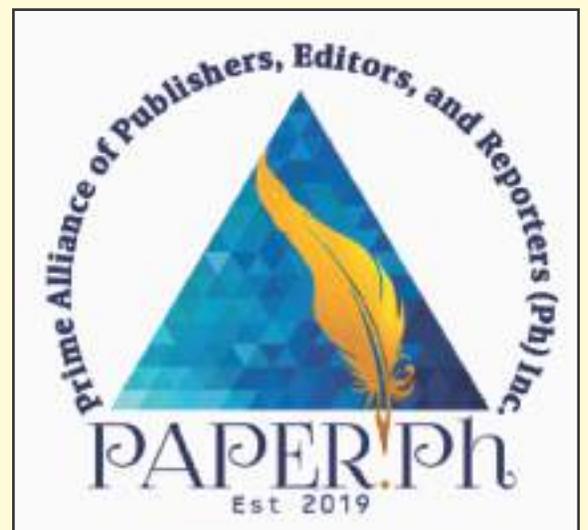
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## PGC Distributed Assistance to 100 Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic Patients

The Provincial Government of Cavite extended its continued support to child health and welfare through the distribution of financial assistance to 100 Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic (NBSCC) patients on November 12, 2025, at the New Provincial Government Center.

Each beneficiary received 5,000, aimed at helping families sustain the medical needs and ongoing care of children enrolled in the continuity clinic.

Representing Governor Abeng Remulla, Provincial Administrator Gilbert V. Gandia led the activity and reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to improving child healthcare services. He also emphasized the importance of early detection and proper management of congenital disorders through the Newborn Screening Program.

Also in attendance were Dr. Maria Victoria S. Torres, OIC – Satellite Hospital and Head, Family Health Unit, and Ms. Helen Jariel, Development Management Officer IV-Provincial DOH Office, who both expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the provincial government for its unwavering support in ensuring continuous care for newborn patients. They highlighted how the assistance greatly eases the burden of families navigating long-term medical interventions for their children.

As part of the program, Ms. Jhonalyn D. Bantigue, Follow-up Nurse – (NBSCC), provided a brief background on the Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic and discussed the process of availing financial assistance, ensuring that parents clearly understand the services and support available to them.

To formally conclude the activity, Ms. Felipa Servañez delivered the closing message, extending appreciation to all stakeholders and reiterating the shared goal of safeguarding the health and future of Caviteño children.

The initiative reflects the Provincial Government of Cavite's ongoing mission to promote accessible and responsive healthcare for every Cavite family, especially during the crucial early stages of a child's life. (OPIO)



## Multiple violations found vs Hi-End land developer in Cebu City



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Remember, you may choose your sin, but you cannot choose the consequences.

## Seized Luxury Vehicles for the Discaya couple for public auction

### ON THE WATCH

Rico Osmeña



The luxury vehicles owned by arrested contractor couple Pacifico "Curlee" Discaya II and Cezarah Rowena "Sarah" Discaya will be auctioned on November 20, 2025.

And these vehicles include 2019 Mercedes Benz G500(Brabus) valued at 7,843,239.43; 2021 Lincoln Navigator L ( 7,038,726.14); 2022 Mercedes Benz G63 AMG ( 14,104,768); 2022 Bentley Bentayga ( 17,311,121.93); 2022 Toyota Tundra ( 4,994,079); 2023 Toyota Sequoia ( 7,258,800.36) and 2023 Rolls Royce Cullinan ( 45,314,391.11.

These vehicle had no import entry records and certificates of payment.

Bureau of Customs (BOC) spokesperson Chris Bendija said that the Discaya couple had filed a voluntary forfeiture and would no longer contest the seizure of the seven out of 13 luxury vehicles under the BOC custody.

The remaining six vehicles were found to have import entry records but with questionable payment documents.

The accumulated value of all seven vehicles that will be auctioned is over 103 million.

One of the interested bidders is Jose Lim, who has been participating in public auctions of the BOC for 20 years.

And On the WATCH would like to ask Mr. Harold in facilitating these smuggled vehicles.

Welcome new BIR Commissioner!

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr has appointed Charlito Martin "Charlie" Mendoza as the new Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Prior to his appointment, Charlie served as Undersecretary of the Revenue Operations Group (ROG)

at the Department of Finance (DOF), supervising the operations of the BIR and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to help ensure that government meet its annual revenue collection targets.

On the WATCH had its media coverages with Charlie as Cebu District Collector of the Port of Cebu from July 2019 to October 2022.

Mendoza earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from San Beda University and placed third in the 2004 Philippine Bar Exam. He is a licensed Geodetic Engineer, and earned a degree in Geodetic Engineering from the University of the Philippines. Congratulations!

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## PAM pushes revival on Integrated Water Management System (IWMS)

Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro bared on Tuesday its reviving the proposed Integrated Water Management System for the province which was shelved decades ago.

Baricuatro cited the recent heavy Flooding caused by Typhoon TINO which wreaked havoc in many cities and towns in Metro Cebu.

She added that the clamor for Mega Cebu's

blueprint is the fact that flood control projects that are supposed to protect the population were allegedly laced with unabated corruption.

It was in 2015 Mega Cebu Sustainable Urban Development Master Plan that the IWMS that became a Sub Roadmap.

This was pushed by then Governor Hilario Davide III and the late Roberto Aboitiz through the Mega Cebu

Development Coordination Board (MCDCB).

The Master Plan alone was never considered sufficient. A critical part of the proposal, include a Flood Control Master Plan.

From 2017 to 2020, the MCDCB was actively driving the initiative, but , the board has not been convened since January 2020. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMENA)**

## Lagging power restoration may result to water shortage in Cebu Province warns Power rights GRP

The Cebu Electricity Rights Advocates (CERA) warned on Thursday on potential water shortage in Cebu Province due to lagging power restoration.

CERA has issued an urgent call for fair and systematic improvements in Cebu's power infrastructure, emphasizing the glaring inequality between Metro Cebu compared to other areas in the province.

"CERA stressed that recurrent water service disruptions have stemmed from the ongoing instability of the electrical grid, transforming minor power outages into major utility emergencies. Recent blackouts have caused dry taps, subpar sanitation, and elevated public health hazards for many households outside of the city. These circumstances are what CERA claims to be both intolerable and avoidable," says CERA Convenor Nathaniel Chua.

CERA analyses that the core of the problem could possibly be within the fragile link between power and water infrastructure as typically, when power lines feed water pumping stations fail, entire districts may lose access to clean and safe water.

These repeated outages force local water districts to depend on limited auxiliary power, which often cannot

sustain operations for long.

The outcome leads to a cycle of service interruptions that compromise sanitation, endanger public health, and delay community recovery.

"Power lines that are directly responsible for supplying water pumping stations should be treated with the same urgency as those serving hospitals because they are both necessities to life. Without water, hygiene for consumables like food decreases and it could lead to the spreading for bacteria and diseases, spiraling into an even bigger societal issue. We live in a modern community where we have access to modern technology and power but I hope we don't forget our basic human needs," Chua added.

CERA is demanding immediate reforms from electric utilities such as Mactan Electric Cooperative (MECO) and Cebu Electric Cooperatives (CEBECOs) and to regulatory agencies like the Energy Regulatory Commission and Department of Energy (DOE) for a fair resource deployment to the hardest-hit provincial area, prioritization of circuits that supply key water facilities, and the fast-tracking of long-term resilience projects like

underground cabling and grid strengthening.

It also insists on clear and consistent communication from utilities regarding power restoration affecting water systems.

CERA commended the Visayan Electric, on the other hand, for its comparatively immediate restoration of power and water supply in Metro Cebu, noting its well-coordinated field operations and transparent updates to consumers.

CERA cited that Visayan Electric's performance of efficient power restoration is possible when proper systems and priorities are in place.

"There is an alarming pattern between the speed of recovery in Cebu City and the hardships being endured in Cebu Province. We recognize that those in highly urbanized areas will be severely hampered if they are left without adequate water supply and power, but it does not mean that we should reduce the importance of our neighboring municipalities and other areas in the province. Immediate and responsive help should be given to those who actually need it," Chua reiterated. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMENA)**

## Multiple violations found vs Hi-End land developer in Cebu City

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Visayas (DENR-7) bared on Friday, multiple violations by The Rise at Monterrazas de Cebu in Barangay Guadalupe, Cebu City.

DENR-7 Assistant Regional Director Eddie Llamedo confirmed that Monterrazas de Cebu violated Section 77 of the Presidential Decree 705 of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines (1975).

Of the 745 trees in 2022, only 11 have been found standing in 2025, based on DENR's tree inventory.

He cited that the developer has violated Presidential Decree 1586, or the Establishment of the Philippines Environmental Impact Statement System, and the Republic Act 9275, or The Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

"Ang analysis, is itong 18,500 cubic meters or itong mga na-establish or to be established pa na mga retention pond that would somehow catch yung mga water

para ma-eliminate or ma-prevent yung run-o going down," Llamedo said.

He stressed that the Monterrazas needs to upgrade its water retention ponds.

"Ang nakita namin is only 12 retention ponds. Sapat ba yun? Parang hindi siya sapat. Dapat i-upgrade," Llamedo insists.

The Rise at Monterrazas de Cebu is a 140-hectare condominium property development in Barangay Guadalupe, Cebu City.

Llamedo added that there was lack of discharge permits required under the Clean Water Act. These permits serve as legal authorization from the DENR to release wastewater or e uents into water bodies and specify the allowable volume and quality of discharge to protect public health and the environment.

Another violation found by inspectors that 17 Detention ponds in the area were heavily silted, with

uncontained surface run-o flowing into nearby waterways. Some ponds were also damaged, causing run-o to spill downslope and affect lower communities.

When a detention pond is filled with silt, it losses its ability to store water effectively.

Llamedo, clarified though that the five areas most affected by the floods were situated roughly 5.4 to 11 kilometers from Monterrazas, suggesting distance may have been a factor in the extent of impact.

Due to the violations, 8990 Development Corporation, the developer of Monterrazas de Cebu was summoned on 13 November 2025.

Llamedo called on developers, Engineers and architects of upland area development projects to revisit their project designs to account for heavier rainfall and growing effects of climate change. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMENA)**

## Revived push for ok'd P33B Metro Cebu Integrated Flood and Drainage System Master Plan

Malacañang May reconsider and revive the approved Metro Cebu Integrated Flood and Drainage master plan in 2017.

This was Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro hinted on Sunday after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. visited Cebu.

Baricuatro in an exclusive interview with DAILY TRIBUNE said the President expressed that he is pursuing the plan.

She added that the master plan is a

comprehensive, science-based solution that could finally put an end to our recurring floods from Carcar City in the south to Danao City in the north.

The plan was based on the 2013 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) study, which proposes a holistic approach addressing flooding from the upstream where it begins, not just in the downstream where the damage is felt.

Sadly, the supposed 33 billion budget allocation was diverted to flood control projects, when the Marcos

administration assumed.

And the vital blueprint was left on the shelf.

Meanwhile, the governor disclosed that she already asked the President through an official communication to investigate the 26 billion flood control projects in Metro Cebu, which includes that of Talisay, Mandaue cities, and Liloan.

"We hope that an urgent action be made on the matter, the Cebuanos are seeking justice," She stressed. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMENA)**

# Sec Recto, pinuri ang BOC-Port Batangas at BIR Comm. Charli to Mendoza, Congrats! Subport of Mactan Kudos!

## Tutok Aduana ni Reynante Salgado

**C**ongratulations kay DOF Under Secretary Atty. Charlito Martin Mendoza dahil siya ay itinalaga ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. bilang bagong commissioner ng Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Pinalitan ni Atty. Mendoza si BIR chief Romeo Lumagui Jr., na tatlong taon nang nagsilbi sa ahensya.

Si Atty. Charlie Mendoza, bago ang kanyang appointment ay nagsilbi bilang undersecretary para sa Revenue Operations Group ng Department of Finance, kung saan mahusay na pinangasiwaan niya ang mga operasyon ng BIR at Bureau of Customs (BOC) upang matulungan ang gobyerno na maabot ang taunang mga target sa revenue collection.

Mula Hulyo 2019 hanggang Okt. 2022, ay nagsilbi siya bilang District collector ng Customs-Port of Cebu, kung saan pinangunahan niya ang daungan para makamit ang record-breaking revenue collection at makabuluhang mga milestone sa proteksyon sa hangganan.

Sa ilalim ng kanyang mahusay na pamumuno, ang Port of Cebu ang naging kauna-unahang customs collection district na nagkaroon ng pangunahing daungan nito at lahat ng mga subport na sertipikadong ISO 9001:2015.

Bago pumasok sa gobyerno, nagkaroon ng maunlad na legal na karera si Atty. Mendoza, nagtatrabaho bilang founding partner ng Palafox Patriarca Romero at Mendoza Law Firm at isang associate lawyer sa Angara Abello Concepcion Regala and Cruz Law Offices (ACCRALAW) at ang Suarez at Narvasa Law Firm. Nagsilbi rin siya bilang propesor ng batas at isang lecturer ng Pre-Bar at Mandatory Continuing Legal Education.

Siya din ay pangatlo na nagTop sa 2004 Philippine Bar Exam matapos makuha ang kanyang Bachelor of Laws degree mula sa San Beda University. Isa rin siyang lisensyadong Geodetic Engineer, na nakakuha ng degree sa Geodetic Engineering mula sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas. Kaya naman siya ay talagang magaling sa serbisyo publiko! Keep up the good work Comm. Charlie and Congratulations!

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Sa pagbisita ni Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto sa BOC-Port of Batangas na pinamumunuan ni District Collector Carmelita Talusan ay nagsagawa round inspections sa port, upang matiyak na ang pangalawang pinakamalaking revenue-generating port ng bansa ay nananatiling mahusay, transparent, at isang malakas na driver ng kumpiyansa ng mamumuhunan.

Sabi niya "[I]f we're breaking records today, that's a good start. But the real records we want to break is

corruption, inefficiency, and red tape. And of course, the records we want to set are in revenues — not just hit, but surpassing our collection targets."

Dagdag pa ni Sec. Recto "Kailangan nating magtulungan nang mas malapit upang bumuo ng isang port system na mas malinis, mas mabilis, at mas secure—isa na hindi lamang nagpapalakas sa kalakalan, ngunit nakakakuha ng tiwala, dito at sa ibang bansa. Dahil ang pagtiwala ay nagdudulot ng mga pamumuhunan, lumilikha ng mga trabaho, at nagtutulak ng pangmatagalang paglago."

Ito ang ikalawang major port inspection ni Secretary Recto, kasunod ng Cebu noong Setyembre. Binigyang-diin niya ang kahalagahan ng mga inspeksyon, na binibigyang-diin na ang mga daungan ay hindi lamang mga gateway para sa mga kalakal, ngunit ang unang linya ng depensa para sa ekonomiya, seguridad, at integridad bilang isang bansa.

Ipinagmamalaki ng Port of Batangas ang average annual collection na PHP 224.0 billion, na kumakatawan sa 24.5% ng kabuuang revenue collection ng Bureau of Customs.

Malakas ang performance nito ngayong taon na may revenue collection na PHP 194.73 bilyon mula Enero 1 hanggang Oktubre 31, 2025, 5.53% na mas mataas kaysa sa parehong panahon noong nakaraang taon.

Sa paghawak ng average na 133 sasakyang-dagat bawat buwan, o humigit-kumulang apat na sasakyang-dagat araw-araw, ang Port ay naglilipat ng higit sa 1.6 bilyong metrikong tonelada ng mga kalakal buwan-buwan at nagpoproseso ng humigit-kumulang 374 na mga lalagyan bawat araw, na ginagawa itong isa sa pinakaabala at pinakaproduktibong daungan sa bansa.

Noong Agosto 2025, kinilala ang Batangas bilang isa sa Top Performing Ports matapos ang aktwal na koleksyon nito na PHP 20.01 bilyon ay lumampas sa target ng DBCC na PHP 19.68 bilyon. Para sa buwan ng Oktubre, ang aktwal na koleksyon ng kita nito na PHP 22.96 bilyon ay lumampas din sa target ng DBCC ng 5.90%.

Ang mga sasakyang de-motor at langis ay nananatiling nangungunang mga driver revenue port, na nagkakahalaga ng higit sa 85% ng kabuuang mga koleksyon.

Ang mga nangungunang importer nito—Toyota Motor Philippines, Shell Pilipinas, at Unioil Petroleum—ay magkasamang nag-aambag ng mahigit 38% ng kabuuang kita, na binibigyang-diin ang papel ng Batangas bilang mahalagang hub para sa kalakalan at industriya. Kasama sa iba pang mga importer ang Mitsubishi Motors, Ford Group, BYD, Nissan, Suzuki, Chevron, at South Premiere Power Corporation. Sa mga nasaksihan ni Sec. Recto sa kanyang pagiikot ay nagpahayag ito ng optimismo tungkol sa paparating na mga pag-unlad tulad ng Phase II expansion ng Batangas Container Terminal at pagpasok ng International Container Terminal Services, Inc., na lalong magpapatibay sa Batangas bilang logistics powerhouse ng Southern Luzon.

Pinuri rin ng Finance Chief ang Port of Batangas para sa mga hakbangin nito sa Information and Communications Technology at bilang karagdagan, ang

Port ay gumagamit din ng isang Centralized Dashboard upang subaybayan ang mga koleksyon at kargamento, pati na rin ang isang Doc Tracker, na nag-streamline ng mga proseso ng dokumento.

At tiniyak nito na paiginging ng DOF ang mga inspeksyon sa daungan sa buong bansa upang matiyak na ang mga reporma at pagsusumikap laban sa katiwalian ay isasalin sa mga nakikitang resulta sa ground.

Hinimok ni DOF Sec. Recto ang Port of Batangas na magpatuloy sa pangunguna sa pamamagitan ng halimbawa sa mabuting pamamahala, kahusayan, at kahusayan sa serbisyo. Samantala, pinasalaman ni Bureau of Customs Commissioner Ariel P. Nepomuceno ang pamumuno at paggabay ni Sec. Recto sa pangunguna sa transformative e-ports sa Bureau at idinagdag din ng Komisyoner na ang mga pagsisikap sa reporma ng BOC ay bahagi ng ibinahaging pangako nito sa bisyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. Kasama ni Secretary Recto sina Undersecretary Maria Luwalhati Dorotan-Tiuseco; Assistant Secretary Dakila Elteen Napao; Deputy Commissioner Atty. Agaton Teodoro Uvero; at District Collector Carmelita Talusan. Kasama sa pagbisita ang isang facility tour ng Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI) at isang inspeksyon sa mga imported na sasakyang de-motor na na-clear ng BOC.

Pinupuri din DOF Sec Recto ang magandang pamumuno ni District Collector Talusan sa BOC-Port of Batangas para sa kanilang innovation at good performance! Congratulations po!

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Muli na naman pinatunayan ng subport of Mactan Cebu sa pangunguna ng kanilang Port Collector Gerardo Campo, LCB, dahil nalampasan nila ang kanilang revenue collection target para sa Oktubre 2025, na nakakuha ng kabuuang 236,435,067.10 laban sa target nitong 152,710,000.00, na may positive deviation na 83,725,067.10 o 83,725,067.10%.

Ayon kay Collector Gerardo A. Campo ang tagumpay na ito sa patuloy na pagsisikap ng Team Mactan upang matiyak ang mahusay at malinaw na serbisyo sa lahat ng stakeholder nito. Binati ng Port Collector Campo ang mga kalalakihan at kababaihan ng Port para sa pareparehong pagganap na isang patunay ng matibay na pangako nito sa isa sa mga mandato ng Bureau - upang mapabuti ang koleksyon ng mga legal na kita.

"Ang napakahusay na resultang ito ay nagpapatunay sa dedikasyon at propesyonalismo ng aming mga tauhan," sabi ni District Collector Atty. Alexandra Y. Lumontad, pinupuri ang Subport. Napagpasyahan niya na ang tagumpay ay higit na binibigyang-diin ang kanilang determinasyon na mapanatili ang pokus ng Bureau sa pagiging mahusay, transparent, at pananagutan sa pananalapi.

Sa ilalim ng dinamikong pamumuno ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, sa patuloy na paggabay ni District Collector Alexandra Y. Lumontad, ang Subport ng Mactan ay sumusunod sa direktiba, paiginging ang koleksyon ng kita, habang ginagarantiyahan ang tuluytuloy na pagpapadali ng kalakalan sa lahat ng daungan sa bansa. Kudos sa inyong lahat! Congrats po Coll. Campo!

# Isang Pagpapahayag ng Pagkakaisa at Pag-unlad: Ang Bisyon ni Gobernador Fernando para sa Bulacan



## KATROPA N'YO Vic Billones III

Ipinahayag ni Gobernador Daniel Fernando ang isang bisyon para sa Bulacan na nakaugat sa pagkakaisa, pag-unlad, at walang sawang pananampalataya. Ang kanyang mga salita ay nagpinta ng larawan ng isang lalawigan na kapwa matatag sa harap ng kahirapan at lubos na nagpapasalamat sa mga biyaya nito. Ito ang nakakaantig na talumpati ni Fernando, sa "Huwarang Anak ng Bulacan" awards na nangyari noong Nobyembre 10, 2025,

Sinimulan ni Gobernador Fernando sa pagpapahayag ng malalim na pasasalamat para sa pagkaligtas ng Bulacan mula sa buong bagsik ng isang kamakailang super typhoon. Iniugnay niya ang maswerteng kinalabasan na ito sa banal na pamamagitan

at sa proteksiyon na yakap ng Sierra Madre mountains, na binibigyang-diin ang kritikal na kahalagahan ng pagpapanatili ng natural na pananggalang na ito.

Pinuri ng Gobernador ang napakahalagang kontribusyon ng mga lider ng komunidad tulad nina Pangulong Arnold Reyes at Lady President Mary Go, na kinikilala ang kanilang walang pagod na pagsisikap bilang mahalaga sa patuloy na paglago at kaunlaran ng Bulacan.

Sa pagtalikod sa mga responsibilidad ng pamumuno, nagsalita nang tapat si Gobernador Fernando tungkol sa mga hamon ng serbisyo publiko, na binibigyang-diin ang pangangailangan para sa integridad, kasipagan at dedikasyon sa paglilingkod sa komunidad nang may tunay na pag-aalaga at habag.

Sa pagsasara, ipinaabot ni Gobernador Fernando ang kanyang pinakamainit na pagbati sa mga taga-Bulacan sa okasyon ng kanilang kahanga-hangang pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo.

Tinapos ng Gobernador ang kanyang mensahe sa isang panawagan para sa patuloy na panalangin at pananampalataya, kinikilala na ang Diyos lamang ang nakakaalam ng lahat ng bagay.

Ipinahayag niya ang kanyang malalim na pagpapahalaga para sa pagkakataong makapaglingkod sa

mga taga-Bulacan at hiniling na patuloy silang pagpalain.

Ang mensaheng ito mula kay Fernando ay nagsisilbing isang mabisang paalala ng mga pagpapahalagang nagbibigay-kahulugan sa Bulacan: katatagan, pasasalamat, diwa ng komunidad, responsableng pagkamamamayan, at isang malalim na koneksyon sa kanyang mayamang pamana.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Ito ay isang panawagan sa pagkilos para sa lahat ng Bulakenyo na yakapin ang mga pagpapahalagang ito at magtulungan upang bumuo ng isang mas maliwanag na kinabukasan para sanasabing lalawigan at buong bansa. Hanggang sa muli.



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# \*WalterMart and S&R New York Style Pizza to host a Grand Pizza Party in the opening of its 100th S&R Pizza Store at WalterMart Carmona!\*

S&R New York Style Pizza will hit a milestone as it opens its 100th store in the Philippines on November 13, 2025 at WalterMart Carmona. A double celebration for both brands committed to bringing great food closer to Filipino communities!



With 17 branches already in WalterMart Malls nationwide—and new ones soon to open in WalterMart Balayan and WalterMart Nasugbu—S&R will continue to bring its crowd-favourite New York-style pizzas, burgers, fries, wings, shakes, and coffee closer to more communities.

To celebrate, WalterMart will host a Grand Pizza Party - a WalterMart Exclusive Offer that will give pizza lovers nationwide even more reason to celebrate. Customers will enjoy a 100 discount on any 18-inch Made-to-Order Whole Pizza in ALL S&R New York Style Pizza stores located in WalterMart Malls, uniting communities across Luzon for one BIG PIZZA PARTY!



Participating S&R Pizza Stores are in the following WalterMart Malls: Antipolo, Arayat, Bacoor, Balanga, Candelaria, Carmona, Gapan, Makati, Malolos, Naic, San Jose (Nueva Ecija) Sta. Maria (Bulacan), Sta. Rosa (Laguna) Tanauan, Taytay and WMacapagal.

Moreover, in celebration of S&R New York Style Pizza Grand Opening in WalterMart Carmona, customers will be treated with exciting promos: 2 Whole 18-inch Pizza Combo for only 959, FREE umbrellas for the first 100 customers, and a Spin & Win for every 500 spend!

The opening of S&R Pizza's 100th store at WalterMart Carmona will mark another milestone of growth, partnership, and shared love for great food — another reason why #AngSarapMagWalterMart! (\*Photo Credits: Lakwatsero Caviteño)

# ATI CALABARZON to Stage 2025 Coco Fiesta, Techno Gabay Program Summit

**S**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite—The Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON will stage two major events that will champion the innovative and empowering coconut industry this November 2025—the 2025 Coco Fiesta and the annual Techno Gabay Program (TGP) Summit.

## Coco Fiesta 2025

The Coco Fiesta 2025 will take place on November 18-22, 2025, at the third level of SM City Trece Martires, Cavite. Anchored on the theme “Transforming Communities, Advancing Sustainability: Toward a Modernized Coconut Agriculture and Agribusiness Sector,” this five day event aims to provide a platform for local exhibitors and innovators to market coconut based products, technologies, and services—thereby expanding market access and income opportunities. It also seeks to empower farmers, cooperatives, and the public on emerging innovations and value-adding endeavors related to the coconut industry development.

This celebration will feature exhibitor showcasing coconut-based products, technologies, and services from smallholder coconut farmers and associations across CALABARZON, alongside a technology forum with over 50 participants per session. Topics to be discussed include homemade coconut value addition for health and hygiene, innovative uses of coconut waste for handicrafts, processing of functional coco-based food products, food safety and quality standards in coconut processing, packaging and branding for coconut products, sustainable coconut agribusiness models, opportunities in coconut agritourism, and integrating coconut-based urban gardening to foster green skills and sustainability.

## TGP Summit 2025

Simultaneously, the DA-ATI CALABARZON, as the lead agency for the TGP, in partnership with the Cavite State University (CvSU), the Provincial Government of Cavite, and the Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC) will spearhead the TGP Summit 2025 on November 19-21, 2025, at CvSU, Indang, Cavite.

The TGP Summit will gather implementers from across the region to strengthen collaboration, exchange best practices, and recognize outstanding contributions to the program. Guided by the principles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)—the Summit will emphasize inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation through innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships.

It also aims to recognize the achievements of Farmers’ Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentista who have embraced agricultural technologies, digital innovations, and farmer-led extension systems. By bringing together key stakeholders and promoting collaboration, the summit



strengthens the capacity of local actors to respond to current challenges and contribute to the long-term goal of a resilient, inclusive, and modern coconut industry.

Gracing the program are anticipated guests from various implementing agencies of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and Mr. Apl.De.Ap, international artist and founder of the Apl.De.Ap Foundation, who recently launched his project to plant 100 million coconut trees—symbolizing a united front for sustainable coconut industry growth.

Through these back-to-back events, the DA-ATI CALABARZON reaffirms its commitment to building resilient, sustainable, and forward-looking agricultural communities that thrive through innovation, partnership, and shared purpose.



# PhilHealth PRO IV-A Strengthens Media Alliance to Advance Universal Health Care in Southern Luzon

**T**AGAYTAY CITY, Philippines — In a strategic move to deepen its partnership with the media sector, PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A hosted its annual Media Pasasalamat on November 14, 2025, at Hotel Casiana, Tagaytay City. The event underscored the agency’s recognition of media as a key stakeholder in driving public awareness and trust in Universal Health Care (UHC) programs.

With the theme “Katuwang sa Kuwento ng UHC at Sama-samang Paglilingkod,” the gathering served as a convergence point for communication professionals and PhilHealth leaders to align on shared goals of health advocacy and inclusive service delivery. The event highlighted how storytelling and accurate reporting can amplify the reach of government health initiatives.

Dr. Edwin M. Oriña, Acting Regional Vice President, and Atty. Eli Dino D. Santos, Executive Vice President and COO, both emphasized the media’s role in shaping public perception and engagement. Their messages reflected PhilHealth’s evolving strategy to integrate media into its broader public health communication framework.

The program featured updates on PhilHealth’s latest initiatives, including the Enhanced Benefits and the YAKAP program, which targets vulnerable populations with compassionate support. These were presented by Dr. Daisy D. Apolinar, sparking dialogue during the open forum on how media can help translate these technical programs into relatable narratives for the public.

Beyond formal presentations, the event celebrated cultural identity and community spirit through performances by the PRO IV-A Singers and Dancers. This cultural showcase reinforced the idea that health advocacy is not only technical but also deeply rooted in Filipino values and shared experiences.



Certificates of appreciation were awarded to media partners, affirming their role as co-advocates in the journey toward a healthier Bagong Pilipinas. The event concluded with closing remarks from Arturo C. Ardiente, Field Operations Division Chief, who called for sustained collaboration and unity in public service.





Finance Secretary Ralph G. Recto has undertaken another series of inspections at the Port of Batangas, aiming to guarantee that the nation's second-largest revenue-generating port operates efficiently, transparently, and continues to foster strong investor confidence. The visit encompassed a tour of the facilities at Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI) and an examination of imported motor vehicles that have been cleared by the Bureau of Customs (BOC). The Port of Batangas is noted for its average annual revenue collection of PHP 224.0 billion, which accounts for 24.5% of the total revenue collected by the BOC. Secretary Recto was accompanied by Undersecretary Maria Luwalhati Dorotan-Tiuseco; Assistant Secretary Dakila Elteen Napao; BOC Deputy Commissioner Atty. Agaton Teodoro Uvero; and District Collector Carmelita Talusan. (RIGHT PHOTO) Deputy Commissioner Atty. Agaton Teodoro O. Uvero, from the Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group, led a meeting with the Super Green Lane (SGL) Members' Association to deliberate on strategies that would further improve the program's efficiency and responsiveness to contemporary trade demands. This discussion focused on regulating importations and commodities, as well as enhancing the application process for a late companies seeking to join the SGL program, ensuring adherence to customs compliance standards and maintaining integrity. (REYNANTE SALGADO)



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**MALASAKIT SA BAWAT RESIDENTE**  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-2023  
DAILY UPDATE

**NOVEMBER 15-16, 2025**  
10:00PM - 4:00AM

**VEHICULAR CRASH**  
Total Number of Vehicular Crash  
Location of Vehicular Crash

- Infant of Malina Homes along Brgy. Malina 3
- Ambulance responded applied first aid Patient brought to GENMC hospital

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**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**  
Total Number of Traffic Violators Apprehended during Oplan MSBR

- No helmet
- Thirteen (13) MC driver issued violation ticket
- No license
- Two (2) MC driver issued violation ticket

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Malasakit Sa Bawat Residente: Malinis at maayos na Bacoor, ito ang hangad nating lahat! Sa patuloy na pagpapatupad ng Executive Order No. 13-2023, An Order Mandating the Bacoor Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office (BDRRMO), Bacoor Philippine National Police (PNP) and Bacoor Traffic Management Department (BTMD) to Implement the "Malasakit Sa Bawat Residente (MSBR) Program- a Conduct of 24-Hour Patrolling and Inspection of all roads and Vehicles in the City of Bacoor to Prevent the Rise of Vehicular Accidents", inuulat namin ang mga kaganapan. Sa bawat hakbang, kasama ninyo kami para sa isang mas ligtas at disiplinadong Lungsod ng Bacoor. Sama-sama nating ipatupad ang malasakit sa bawat residente!

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