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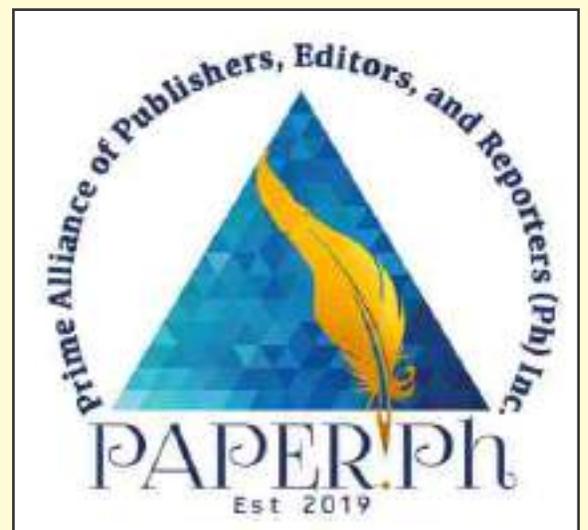
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## OPPESM honors employment partners at 2025 Provincial Stakeholders' Forum



The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), headed by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, convened industry leaders, recruitment specialists, local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), and employment partners for a day of thanksgiving and camaraderie on December 15 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. The activity, dubbed "Collaborative Engagement: 2025 Provincial Stakeholders' Forum Towards Increased Employment Opportunities for a Progressive and Sustainable Tomorrow," capped a year of fruitful collaboration in expanding job opportunities and promoting meaningful employment for Caviteños.

Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert Gandia conveyed the provincial government's message of gratitude on behalf of Governor Abeng Remulla, underscoring the importance of sustained partnerships in advancing employment generation across the province. SK Provincial Federation President Chelsea Jillian Sarno also joined the event as one of OPPESM's key partners in rolling out employment programs in various LGUs, particularly those targeting the youth sector.

Imus City Provincial Administrator Lauro Monzon delivered a message on behalf of Imus City Mayor Alex Advincula, emphasizing that employment generation is a shared responsibility among government, the private sector, and the community. As a testament to this commitment, OPPESM recognized the City Government of Imus as the LGU Champion for Employment Facilitation.

Ms. Anne Marie Faye Gloria of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Cavite Field Office also presented key employment initiatives, including the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) and the JOBSTART Program, encouraging stakeholders to support and partner in the implementation of these programs.

The highlight of the event was the awarding and recognition of OPPESM partners and stakeholders, who received certificates of appreciation and tokens from the provincial government for their unwavering support and commitment to bridging the gap between jobseekers and employers, both locally and overseas.

The activity concluded with fellowship and networking sessions, providing government and private sector stakeholders an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and explore collaborative strategies toward progressive and sustainable employment generation in the province. (E.Reyes)

## P26-M seized Vape products destroyed by BIR- Cebu

## Gov PAM pushes for her baby program, CPAC as PB plans to defund it



The Bureau of Customs headed by Customs Commissioner Ariel Nepmuceno and Deputy Commissioner Michael C. Fermin, Chairperson of Balikbayan and OFW Action Center (BOAC) with other BOC Officials launched the door-to-door delivery of balikbayan boxes of Overseas Filipino Workers abandoned by several freight forwarding companies on December 18, 2025, after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. approved funds for the immediate distribution of the packages to the families of our OFWs. The Balikbayan and OFW Action Center (BOAC) is one of the major programs of BOC Commissioner Ariel F. Nepmuceno, which aims to address the long-standing complaints of OFWs against the irresponsible practices of some freight forwarders that have caused delays and abandonment of their packages. (Reynante Salgado)



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# Cebu declares as Asia Pacific's Economic Epicenter as it launches the First ever Cebu International Investment Summit (CIIS) 2026

## ON THE WATCH

Rico Osmeña



The Cebu Provincial Government and the Cebu Provincial Investment and Promotions Division (CPIPD) declared on Saturday that Cebu is now Asia Pacific's Economic Epicenter.

This as Global Strategist Dr Brian To with 1Tahanan Partylist Congressman Nathaniel Oducado and CPIPD head Paulo Uy launched the Cebu international Investment Summit (CIIS) 2026 to held from January 12 to 16, 2026 at the Social Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Cebu City. "Capital is on the move, and Cebu is ready to capture

it," said Governor Pamela Baricuatro. "CIIS 2026 is designed to convert our global visibility --often focused on tourism -- into long-term investment pipelines. We are connecting world capital with real-economy opportunities."

"We are building a future-ready hub that combines connectivity, talent, and stability," Uy emphasized. Cebu is open for business, and CIIS 2026 is the gateway.

### Targeting Global Powerhouses

CIIS 2026 is set to welcome high-level delegations, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), and sovereign wealth representatives from key economic partners, including South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Mainland China, Taiwan, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

The event will convene a diverse roster of "Industry Champions," including leaders from top conglomerates such as SM, Megaworld, Cebu Pacific, and Aboitiz, alongside global strategy advisors and policymakers. These voices will provide prospective

investors with clear picture of the regulatory landscape and local support systems available in Cebu.

The summit is strategically timed to precede the Sinulog Festival, one of the grandest cultural events in Asia. The scheduling allows International delegations to engage in high-level boardroom discussions regarding Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and joint ventures before experiencing the cultural vibrancy of the province -- blending business pragmatism with Cebuano hospitality.

The summit will move beyond general discussions, offering a direct look at the Cebu Provincial Investment & Enterprise Code of 2025. Sessions will focus on de-risking entry for foreign capital and showcasing a portfolio of "investable" projects, including: 1. Advanced Manufacturing: Auto-parts, electronics, and micro manufacturing; 2. Life Sciences: Hospitals, healthcare services, and medical tourism; 3. Talent Hubs: Education partnership, and workforce development; and 4. Infrastructure: Power, water, and mobility networks.

## P26-M seized Vape products destroyed by BIR- Cebu

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) conducted on Tuesday, December 16, destruction operations on illicit Vape products in Jubay, Liloan, Cebu.

More than 15,000 to 16,000 units seized from the 2024 operations in Central Visayas, Iloilo City, and Negros Island Region (BIR) were destroyed during the operation.

For Central Visayas alone, the total unpaid taxes on illicit Vape products that were destroyed valued at ₱26,214,788.15.

BIR Region No. 13- Central Visayas Regional

Director Antonio Ilagan in an interview with DAILY TRIBUNE said " Central Visayas region, is among the top Regions nationwide with the highest number of confiscated illicit Vapor products totalling 9,156 apprehended from 74 taxpayers (including their branches), arising out of our nationwide operations which started on the month of March 2024, as sanctioned by various Mission Orders."

"Out of these seized products, we have the following illicit Vapor products subject for destruction: 4,477 bottles, 1,852 pods, 1,323 disposable units," he added.

As of today, two cases have already been against these violators and counting.

Total amount collected from the seizures to date has reached to ₱2,077,993.39.

"By eradicating the sale of illicit Vapor products, we will be able to provide a level playing field among our beloved taxpayers. We must protect our partners in nation-building, the compliant taxpayers, those who pay their correct taxes on time," Ilagan stressed. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)**

## Gov PAM pushes for her baby program, CPAC as PB plans to defund it

Cebuano are now being urged to conscientize the members of the provincial board as it plan to defund the baby program of Governor Pamela Baricuatro, the Cebu Peoples Action Center (CPAC).

In an exclusive interview with DAILY TRIBUNE, the governor justified her creation of the CPAC that functions both as a public complaints desk and a response and support body.

She warned that eliminating the proposed ₱14 million budget for CPAC would weaken the province's ability to deliver essential services, particularly during disasters and emergencies.

"Let me be clear : service to the people is not optional. It is our mandate. Without proper mobilization and essential resources, reaching every barangay, every family

in need, becomes a challenge," Baricuatro stressed. CPAC played a central role during the recent 6.9 magnitude earthquake in north Cebu and Typhoon TINO.

She cited that the center coordinated rescue and relief operations, prepared and delivered hot meals in evacuation centers, and reached even the remotest or hard-to-access barangays.

And there were so many testimonies from affected residents that CPAC provided assistance where it is most needed.

"Transparency and accountability matter. I owe you a clear record of who voted to diminish CPAC's capacity. I will share, publicly, the votes of the Provincial Board on this issue because you -- the people -- deserve to know who supports or hinders reliable service," She

disclosed.

The governor compared her proposed funding for CPAC as the PB's approval of the 2025 annual budget of the previous administration which included more than ₱250 million budget for large-scale events like the Pasigarbo sa Sugbo.

The PB's Committee on Budget and Appropriations headed by ABC president and Board Member Celestino Martinez III reportedly voted to defund the CPAC budget for 2026.

For minor reasons such as lack of formal organization and risks of disallowances.

Some of the current board members are allies of former Governor Gwendolyn Garcia. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)**

## Cebu Provincial Hospitals to digitalize

To modernize medical services and expedite patient processing, the Cebu Provincial Government aims to fully digitalize the 12 District and four Provincial Hospitals.

Health Consultant Dr. Elisse Nicole Catalan said the initiative will centralize patient records and automate diagnostics, billing, referrals, and supply management systems.

The full digitalization was one of the main agenda with the 16 Hospital Chiefs with Governor Pamela Baricuatro on Saturday.

In the meeting too were officials from the Capitol's

Information Technology and Engineering Departments.

Mentioned in the meeting was the push to upgrade the Minglanilla District Hospital from an infirmary to a Level 1 Department of Health (DOH)- accredited facility.

The upgrade ensures the facility will meet the standards for infrastructure, equipment and services required by the DOH.

Which include having an operating theater, maternity wards, isolation facilities, a functional Secondary clinical laboratory, a blood station, 1st level X-ray, and a pharmacy.

The upgrade also needs an increase in workforce, including doctors, nurses, and support staff.

Catalan initiated the Province's assessment on the 16 hospitals to allow the facilities to provide more comprehensive healthcare services to its patients.

Healthcare remains the top priority of the administration of Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro with the goal of expanding access to provincial and district hospitals while addressing staffing shortages and infrastructure gaps.

Cebu Province currently has four Provincial Hospitals and 12 District Hospitals. **(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)**

## 2025 PGC PRAISE Awards shines a spotlight on public service excellence

On December 10, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer and the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee, successfully organized the 2025 PRAISE Awards at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, recognizing the exemplary commitment and contribution of Cavite's public servants towards the province's success.

During the awarding, ten PGC Best Organizations were recognized and one was awarded with plaque of appreciation. For the service awards, a total of 68 employees were recognized for their dedicated service to the government, and nine (9) posthumous awardees were honored for the legacy they have engraved to the provincial government.

Atty. Judith A. Dongallo-Chicano, Assistant Commissioner for Professionalization and Cooperation of the Civil Service Commission graced the occasion giving her profound insights on government service.

Also in attendance were Board Member Morit Sison, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chair of the Committee on Personnel Affairs, and Provincial Administrator Engr.



Gilbert Gandia, who both extended their felicitations to the awardees.

The 2025 PRAISE Awards was capped off with a

continued commitment and dedication of Cavite's public servants in delivering public service with integrity, compassion, and professionalism. **(J. Reyes)**

# Pangulong Bong-Bong Marcos suportado ang inilunsad ng BOC na Door-to-Door Delivery ng Mga Inabandona ang Balikbayan Boxes! Port of Manila, Congratulations!

## Tutok Aduana ni Reynante Salgado

Noong nakaraang linggo, ang Bureau of Customs sa pangunguna ni Customs Commissioner Ariel Nepomuceno ay inilunsad ang door-to-door delivery ng mga balikbayan boxes ng Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) na inabandona ng ilang freight forwarding companies. Naganap ang activity na ito noong, 18 Disyembre 2025, matapos aprubahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang pondo para sa agarang pamamahagi ng mga padala sa mga pamilya ng ating mga bagong bayani.

Ang hakbang na ito ay parte ng Balikbayan and OFW Action Center (BOAC), isa sa mga pangunahing programa ni Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, na naglalayong tugunan ang matagal nang reklamo ng mga OFW sa laban sa pabayang gawain ng ilang freight forwarders na nagdulot ng pagkaantala at pag-abandona ng kanilang mga padala.

Pinangunahan ni Commissioner Nepomuceno, kasama ang mga opisyal at kawani ng BOC, ang isinagawang inspeksyon at ceremonial distribution bilang simbolo ng konkretong aksyon ng ahensya upang tuluyang maresolba ang matagal nang suliranin ng mga OFW kaugnay ng kanilang mga balikbayan boxes.

Ayon kay Comm. Nepomuceno isa ito sa mga problemang agad nating tinutukan sa pagsisimula ng ating panunungkulan. Batid natin ang sakripisyo ng ating mga OFW, at bawat balikbayan box ay bunga ng kanilang pagsusumikap para sa pamilya,

Ayon din kay Deputy Commissioner Michael C. Fermin, Chairperson ng BOAC, patuloy ang koordinasyon ng BOC sa Department of Finance, Department of Migrant Workers, at iba pang ahensya upang mapabilis ang paghahatid ng mga balikbayan boxes.

Aniya Ang distribusyon ng mga balikbayan boxes na ito ay libre. Wala pong dapat bayaran. Anumang humihingi ng bayad ay maaaring isumbong sa Bureau of Customs.

Nagpasalamat si Commissioner Nepomuceno kay Pangulong Marcos Jr., gayundin kay Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go, sa kanilang suporta sa programang nagbibigay katiyakan na mararamdaman ng mga OFW ang malasakit ng pamahalaan.

Nagpahayag naman ng pasasalamat at tuwa ang mga OFW sa inisyatiba ng BOC, na nagbigay sa kanila ng pag-asa na makarating na sa wakas ang kanilang pinaghirapang mga padala. Isa sa kanila si Rachel Parfan, isang OFW na matagal nang naghihintay na maihatid ang mahigit sampung balikbayan boxes na kanyang ipinadala sa kanyang pamilya.

Hindi namin inakalang mapapansin ang aming sitwasyon. Ang personal na pakikipag-usap at ang katiyakang hindi masasayang ang aming pinaghirapan ay napakalakang bagay para sa amin, ani Parfan.

Binigyang-diin ng BOC na ang programang ito ay bahagi ng mas malawak at tuloy-tuloy na adbokasiya upang pangalagaan ang kapakanan ng mga OFW, panagutin ang mga mapang-abusong freight forwarders, at tiyakin na ang sakripisyo ng ating mga bagong bayani ay hindi nasasayang.

Patuloy ding pinaaalalahanan ng BOC ang publiko na maging mapanuri at tiyaking lehitimo at may kredibilidad ang mga freight forwarders na kanilang pagkakatwalaan sa pagpapadala ng balikbayan boxes.

Pero bago naganap ang dialogue sa BOC tungkol sa mga bikbayan boxes na inabandona ay ipinahayag na ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., sa inagurasyon ng mga bagong pasilidad sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 sa Pasay City ang agarang pagpapalabas ng humigit-kumulang 130 container vans na may mga balikbayan box na ipinadala ng mga overseas Filipino worker (OFWs) ngunit hindi naaalagaan sa loob ng halos isang taon.

Ayon kay Pangulong Bong-bong Marcos Ang nangyari rito ay nagpadala ang ating OFW ng balikbayan box, inuwi dito sa Pilipinas, yung mga nagdala hindi naman binayaran ang mga dapat bayaran dito sa Pilipinas

(What happened was that our OFWs sent balikbayan boxes to the Philippines, but the companies that shipped them failed to pay the necessary fees here in the country).

Kaya nandun nakatiwangwang lang ang mga balikbayan box na mahigit isang taon na nandun lang sa Bureau of Customs (As a result, the balikbayan boxes were left unattended at the Bureau of Customs for almost a year), dagdag pa nito.

Sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos kasama ang Bureau of Customs na ibuhos lahat ang pagsisikap upang mapabilis ang pamamahagi ng matagal nang naantala na mga balikbayan boxes sa mga nararapat na may-ari.

Congratulations Bureau of Customs!

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Congratulations pala sa Port of Manila dahil sila ang itinanghal na Champion sa BOC Chorale Competition sa kanilang Year-End Celebration na ginanap noong December 12. Ang ginanap na simple celebration ay na pinagsasama-sama ang talento, pagkamalikhain ng mga empleyado at holiday spirit mula sa buong bureau.

Pitong grupo ng chorale ang lumahok sa palakaibigang kumpetisyon, bawat isa ay naghahatid ng mga kahanga-hangang pagtatanghal na nagpapakita ng pagkakatugma ng boses, masining na interpretasyon, at kagalakan ng panahon ng Pasko.

Sa mga grupong nakikipagkumpitensya, ang BOC Port of Manila Chorale ay namumukod-tango sa pambihirang pagganap na umalingawngaw sa mga hurado at sa mga manonood. Ang kanilang pag-awit ay nagpakita ng malakas na disiplina sa boses, magkakaugnay na pagtutulungan ng magkakasama, at isang nakakahimok na artistikong pagtatanghal na nagpapataas ng kanilang napiling mga piraso.

Tinapos ang isang natatanging pagganap, ang POM Chorale ang lumabas bilang Kampeon ng kumpetisyon. Bilang karagdagan, nakakuha sila ng mga parangal na Best Christmas Song at Best Transformative Song, na nagmarka ng isang kahanga-hangang tagumpay at sumasalamin sa pangako ng Port of Manila sa kahusayan at pagkakaisa, alinsunod sa bisyon ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno na pagyamanin ang pakikipagkaibigan at pagtutulungan sa loob ng Bureau of Customs. Kudos sa lahat, Port of Manila!

# Pangilinan-led Luzon Tollways Steps Up Holiday Traffic Preparations, Offers Free Toll

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), concessionaire of NLEX, SCTEX in cooperation with BCDA, NLEX Connector, Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in cooperation with PRA-PEATC, and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), has intensified its holiday traffic and road safety preparations across its Luzon expressway network to ensure a smooth and safe journey for motorists during the Christmas and New Year peak travel period.

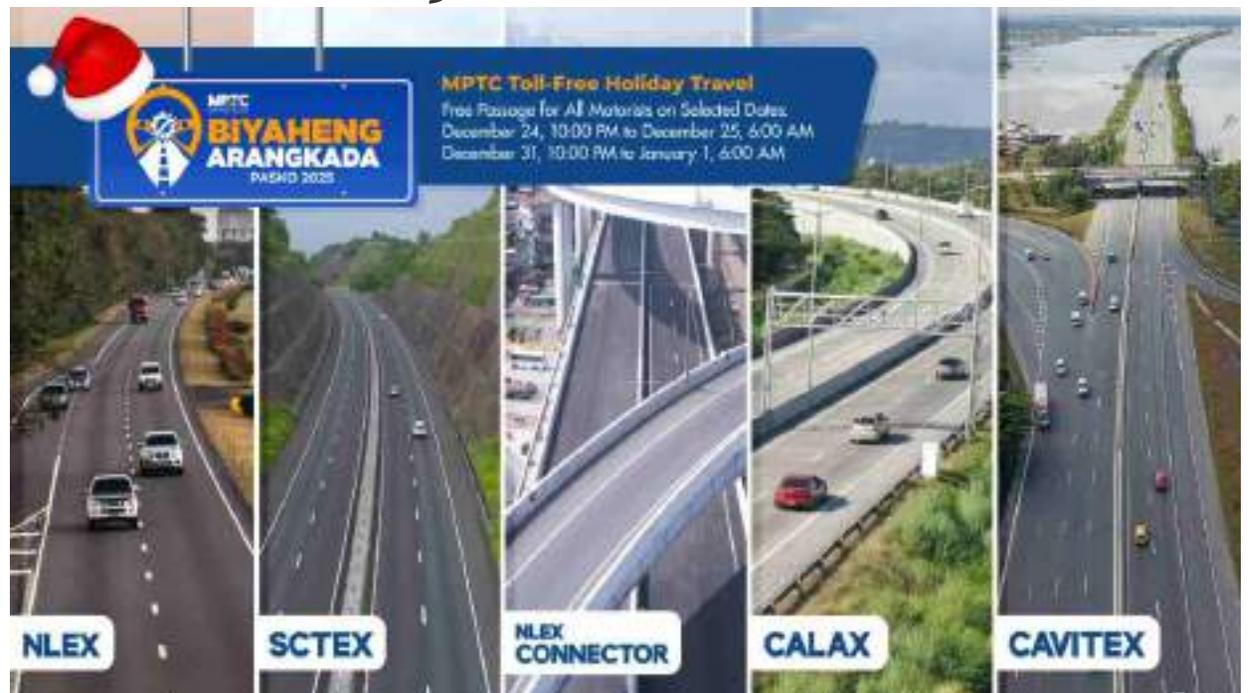
Through early preparations, full manpower deployment, and initiatives such as counterflow, barrier-up operations, free towing services, and toll-free passage, MPTC aims to provide safer and more convenient travel experience to its motorists.

"Our goal this holiday season is to have motorists spend less time on the road and more time with their families," said MPIC and MPTC Chairman Manuel V Pangilinan.

"We've prepared early, deployed full manpower, and have initiated barrier-up operations, counterflow measures, free towing services, and toll-free passage. The toll-free initiative is our way of giving back to motorists. We hope it helps ease their travels during this holiday season," Pangilinan added.

To manage increased traffic volume, all roadworks and lane closures will be suspended from 6:00 AM on December 19, 2025, until 12 noon on January 5, 2026, except for emergency safety repairs. Additional traffic, toll, and emergency and medical response teams will be deployed, and all lanes in major toll plazas will remain open to accommodate peak traffic.

To further ease congestion along NLEX, Express Lane (counterflow lane) will be activated subject to traffic conditions. These lanes will be accessible to Class 1 RFID-only vehicles, with northbound operations on Fridays from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (entry at Balintawak Expansion Plaza) and southbound operations on Sundays from 2:00 PM and early Mondays from 5:00 AM (entry at Bocaue Expansion



Plaza).

### Free passage in the MPTC Luzon expressways

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) is pleased to announce a toll-free initiative for motorists during select hours over the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Motorists can enjoy free toll passages on NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CAVITEX, and CALAX during the festive hours:

\* December 24, 10:00 PM to December 25 at 6:00 AM

\* December 31, 10:00 PM to January 1 at 6:00 AM

Trip planning is made easier with the MPT

DriveHub app, which provides traffic updates, toll fee calculation, RFID reloading, and access to emergency roadside assistance.

Motorists are encouraged to ensure their RFID accounts are active and sufficiently loaded prior to their travels. Cash-paying customers are advised to shift to RFID for faster transactions. Visit Easytrip's website [www.easytrip.ph](http://www.easytrip.ph) for more information.

For regular updates and road safety tips, motorists can check out MPTC expressways' official Facebook accounts @NLEXexpressways and @OfficialCALAX, as well as its 24/7 hotline at 1-35000.

# Pagpupugay sa mga Nonagenarians ng City of Carmona



Umisita po tayo kasama ang inyong lingkod, City Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines, Jr. at ng Sangguniang Panlungsod Members sa ngalan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona sa tahanan ng dalawa (2) sa ating mga mapagmahal at masisiglang nonagenarians o mga lolo't lola ng ating Lungsod na may edad na 90-99 years old. Sila po ay pinagkalooban ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona ng Plaque of Recognition at one-time incentive na PHP 50,000.00 alinsunod sa ating ordinansa. Bibigyan po natin palagi ng pagpapahalaga ang bawat vulnerable sectors gaya ng mga elderly. Nawa'y pagyamanin ninyo ang munting handog na ito ng Lokal na Pamahalaan. **#CityOfCarmona #LungsodNgCarmona #LGUCarmona #BayanMunaLagi #DapatAngatLahat**

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# Dasma residents benefit from medical and dental mission in San Agustin 1



Residents of Brgy. San Agustin 1, Dasmariñas City benefited from a comprehensive medical and dental mission organized by the provincial government of Cavite on December 17. A total of 321 patients were served during the activity. Of this number, 291 residents received free medical check-ups, while diagnostic services included 7 X-ray examinations and 30 electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures. Dental services were also provided, with 30 patients availing of free tooth extractions. The activity was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor medical mission team in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. Medical services were rendered by the GEAMH Medical Team, while dental services were provided in partnership with the City Health Office of Dasmariñas. Volunteer members of the Philippine Army further complemented the initiative by offering free haircut and massage services to residents. The success of the mission was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the local government unit, medical and dental professionals, and the barangay leadership under the guidance of Punong Barangay Darwin Torres, with the invaluable assistance of Barangay Health Workers. The initiative underscores a shared commitment to bringing accessible and people-centered healthcare services closer to communities. **(R. Dones)**

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# ATIng Parangal 2025: ATI CALABARZON Recognizes Partners and their Role in Delivering Quality Agri-Extension Services

The DA - Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON once again recognized the remarkable role of various partners across the sector in delivering excellent and quality agricultural extension services to farmers and fishers in the region during the triennial ATIng Parangal 2025, held at SEARCA Auditorium, University of the Philippines Los Baños, on December 12.

As the catalyst, knowledge bank, and capacity builder of the Philippine agriculture and fisheries extension system, ATI in CALABARZON continuously forges partnerships with what are known as the pillars of responsive and competitive extension—national government agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges, and the private sector. Through this, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and skills development along the agricultural value chain are delivered more efficiently and effectively to farmers and fishers toward achieving “Masaganang Agrikultura, Maunlad na Ekonomiya.”

In his message, Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas underscored that the milestones of ATI CALABARZON would not be possible without the partners who have been committed to helping implement ATI CALABARZON’s programs, expressing his sincere appreciation and tribute to their passion for achieving a prosperous sector.

“Kaya’t sa inyong dedikasyon at malasakit, kami ay buong-pusong nagbibigay-pugay at sumasaludo sa inyo,” said Dr. Maningas.

Anchored on the theme “Pagkilala sa Kahusayan, Pagsaludo sa Serbisyo,” ATI CALABARZON awarded the following agencies, organizations, and individuals who have become part of its success from 2023 to present:

## Partner Provincial Agriculture and Veterinary Offices

- \* Province of Batangas
- \* Province of Cavite
- \* Province of Laguna
- \* Province of Quezon
- \* Province of Rizal

## Partner State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)

- \* Cavite State University (CvSU)
- \* Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU)
- \* Batangas State University, The National Engineering University (BatStateU, The NEU)
- \* University of Rizal System (URS)
- \* Southern Luzon State University (SLSU)
- \* University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)
- \* Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Mulanay
- \* Philippine Normal University (PNU) South Luzon

## Partner National Government Agencies (NGAs)

- \* DA-Regional Field Office (RFO) CALABARZON
- \* DA-Regional Crop Protection Center (RCPC) IV-A
- \* DA-National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) IV-A
- \* DA-Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) UPLB
- \* DA-National Dairy Authority (NDA) South Luzon Department
- \* DA-Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region IV-A
- \* DA-Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) Los Baños
- \* DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)
- \* DA-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSMW)
- \* DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) IV-A

## Partner Organizations

- \* Philippine Agriculturist Association, Inc. (PAA) Sierra Madre Chapter
- \* CvSU Bee Research, Innovation, Trade, and Extension (BRITE) Center
- \* Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research, Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC)
- \* Villar Foundation Farm School and Tourist Farm
- \* Special Citation

## INSPIRE Program

- \* Silang Livestock Agriculture Cooperative Youth Internship Program on Organic Agriculture (YIPOA) Interns

- \* Matthew B. Profeta
- \* Rey Anthony S. Lamac
- \* Christian T. Fernandez
- \* Francis B. Cuento
- Organic Agriculture Program
- \* Costales Nature Farm
- \* Brian A. Belen

## Rice Program

- \* Masaganang Bukid Agricultural Learning Center



## \* FarmEx Corporation

### Private Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES)

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- \* Best Project Poster: Scaling Sustainability: Promotion of Wood Vinegar (Mokusaku) for Resilient Rice Production through Technology Demonstration - OPA Cavite
- \* Best Ongoing Project Paper: PINYA: Product Innovations for Nurturing Yields and Agro-Enterprises (Dried Pineapple) - OPA Quezon
- \* Best Completed Project Paper: Ko Extension: Bridging the GAP towards a Biosecure Farm (Disease Surveillance System: Bridging the Gap in Animal Health Response) - OPV Rizal

### ATIng Kaagapay na Agricultural Extension Worker (AEW) Organic Agriculture Program

- \* Winner: Engr. Reymasan L. Garcia (Antipolo City, Rizal)
- \* Nominees: Maria Pilar C. Pablo, RAgr (OPA Rizal); Arvin A. Broncano, RAgr (OPA Rizal); Melanie B. Cortez, RAgr (Sto. Tomas City, Batangas); Dario M. Maunahan (Tanauan City, Batangas); Marites S. Malijan, RAgr (San Pablo City, Laguna); and Sheryl T. Peña, RAgr (OPA Quezon)

### Rice/RCEF Program

- \* Winner: Engr. Jenno B. Ambrocio (Sta. Maria, Laguna)
- \* Nominees: Rafael Romulus A. Catada, RAgr (Lobo, Batangas); Jovencio S. Reyes, RAgr (Tanay, Rizal)

### National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP)

- \* Winner: Delaiza S. Rabanes, RAgr (Bacoor City, Cavite)
- \* Nominees: Mia Lyn A. Ogana, RAgr (Lucena City, Quezon); Juliana M. Lanip, RAgr (Calamba City, Laguna)

### Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP)

- \* Winner: Faye D. Abadilla, RAgr (OPA Quezon)
- \* Nominees: Roderick R. Rosales, RAgr (Catanauan, Quezon); Carmina M. Altovar, RAgr (Atimonan, Quezon)

### High-Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP)

- \* Winner: Julie Ann E. Ceraos, RAgr (Cabuyao City, Laguna)

- \* Nominees: Mico B. Comia, RAgr (Guinayangan, Quezon); Lavenia N. Pakingan, RAgr (Pagbilao, Quezon); Cynthia C. Perez, RAgr (OPA Cavite)

### Corn and Cassava Program

- \* Winner: Christian A. Castillo (Candelaria, Quezon)
- \* Nominees: Jennifer M. Bascoguin, RAgr (OPA Quezon); Vilner L. Ilagan, RAgr (Batangas City); Jayson H. Reytilan (Guinayangan, Quezon)

### Livestock Program

- \* Winner: Lilibeth A. Macalagay, RAgr (OPV Laguna)
- \* Nominees: Marjo P. Mojica, RAgr (OPV Cavite); Mark Angelo C. Buhat, RAgr (OPV Batangas); Leoncio V. Orca, Jr. (OPV Rizal); Carlo M. Palima, RAgr (Guinayangan, Quezon)

### ATIng Kaagapay na Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA)

- \* Winner: Bounty Harvest Farm OPC (Cavite)
- \* Nominees: Love of Lilia Nature Farm (Cavite); Auspere Nature Farm (Cavite); Yumi’s Farm (Quezon); Gintong Bukid Farm & Leisure (Laguna); Sweet Nature Farms (Laguna); Masaganang Bukid Agricultural Learning Center (Laguna); Javier Integrated Farm (Laguna); Calungsod Integrated Farm (Quezon); Anpilo Agri Farm (Batangas); Vin Vie Integrated Farm (Batangas); Myrtle’s Agricultural Farm (Quezon); Oyayi Farming School (Quezon); Bukid Amara Agri Farm (Quezon); Ole Farm Well (Batangas)

### ATIng Kaagapay na Private Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Service Providers (PAF-ESPs)

- \* Winners: Moca Family Farm RLearning Center, Inc. (Batangas); Gourmet Farms, Inc. (Cavite)

The gathering was not merely about recognition, but a celebration of the shared contributions of every sector to the success of agricultural extension in the region—a tribute to excellence, dedication, and collective service in building a stronger and more prosperous future. **News by: Archie C. Linsasagin (Information Officer II/ISS)**



# PAYAK NA KAPASKUHAN: PANAWAGAN NI GOV. DANIEL R. FERNANDO



## KATROPA N'YO

Vic Billones III

Ang kumikislap na mga ilaw ng Pasko ay nagsisimula nang lumitaw, ngunit ngayong taon, kasama ng masayang sigla ang pakiramdam ng kawalan ng katiwasayan. Habang tayo ay naghahanda para sa kapistahan, marami sa ating kapwa Pilipino ang nahihirapan sa mga kinahinatnan ng mga malalakas na kalamidad: lindol, bagyo, at sunog na nag-iwan ng hindi mabilang na buhay sa kaguluhan.

Ang panawagan ni Bulacan Governor Daniel R. Fernando para sa isang simpleng Pasko ay malalim na tumatatak, hinihikayat tayong mag-isip-isip tungkol sa tunay na kahulugan ng panahong ito. Hindi ito tungkol sa pagwawaksi ng kagalakan, kundi sa paglipat ng ating pansin mula sa labis na paggasta patungo sa mga gawaing may kabutihan at pagkakaisa. Maaari tayong mag-ambag sa mga pagsisikap na tumulong, magboluntaryo ng ating oras, o simpleng mag-alay ng dasal at suporta sa mga nahihirapan. Bawat maliit na gawa ng kabutihan ay may kinalaman.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Para sa Katropa, ang Paskong ito ay magiging tahimik. Ang aking asawa na si Letty at ako ay nagpasya na huwag gawin ang karaniwang malaking pagdiriwang. Sa halip, magkasama sa simpleng hapunan, maglalakad-lakad nang mahinahon para tignan ang mga ilaw ng Pasko, at pahalagahan ang tahimik na sandali ng pagkakalapit.

Minsan, ang pinakamalaking regalong maibibigay natin ay ang ating pagkakalapit, oras, pansin, at pag-ibig. Gawin natin na ang Paskong ito ay isang panahon ng pakiramdam, ibinahaging pag-asa, at muling pagpapahalaga sa mga biyayang nasa ating buhay.

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### May hinala sa pagkamatay ni Cabral?

Ang dating Undersecretary ng DPWH na si Maria Catalina Cabral ay natagpuang patay noong huli ng Huwebes ng gabi sa kahabaan ng Kennon Road sa Benguet, ayon sa ulat ng The Manila Times. Si Cabral, na nagbitiw na sa kanyang posisyon bilang undersecretary, ay nagtalaga ng maraming taon ng serbisyo sa DPWH.

Siya ay huling nakitang buhay noong katanghaliang iyon. Ayon sa kanyang lalaking drayber, 56 yo, may hiling ni Cabral na iwan siya sa Maramal habang naglalakbay patungo sa La Union sakay ng Sel Blue Toyota Carnival (NIH 8088). Sinabi ng kanyang drayber na noong bumalik siya para sunduin si Cabral, ay wala na ito. Matapos na hindi matagpuan, iniulat niya ang insidente sa pulisya.

Ang Kawanihan ng Ombudsman ay nag-utos sa mga opisyal ng Benguet na panatilihin ligtas ang selpon ni Cabral at iba pang elektronikong kagamitan, habang ang Independent Commission for Infrastructure (ICI) ay humiling sa mga awtoridad na agad na panatilihin ang mga dokumento sa kanyang mga kompyuter.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Ayon sa ilang kaisipan ng balana, ang mga pangyayari sa paligid ng kamamatayan ni Cabral ay tiyak na may pag-aalinlangan o hinala. Ito ay dahil sa kanyang paglahok sa mga pagsisiyasat tungkol sa mga di-umano'y anomalya sa loob ng DPWH, dapat magsagawa ang mga awtoridad ng malalim at walang kinikilingan na pagsisiyasat tungkol sa posibleng pagkakasala ng ibang tao. Karapatan ng publiko na malaman ang katotohanan.

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### Vicente "Bong" Enriquez: Ang Maestro ng Teatro ng Bulacan

Sa puso ng Bulacan, kung saan nagtatagpo ang kasaysayan at kultura, si Vicente "Bong" Enriquez ay nakatindig bilang isang tanglaw ng dedikasyong pansining. Sa loob ng maraming dekada, hinubog niya ang eksena ng teatro sa probinsya, nagbibigay inspirasyon sa maraming indibidwal upang yakapin ang kanilang potensyal na pagkamalikhain at pinapanatili ang mayamang pamana ng Bulacan sa pamamagitan ng mga nakabibighaning pagtatanghal. Ang aking kamakailang pakikipag-usap sa kahanga-hangang taong ito ay nagbigay ng sulyap sa kanyang paglalakbay, mga motibasyon, at malalim na epekto.

Ang pagpasok ni Enriquez sa teatro ay hindi inaasahan. Noong unang bahagi ng dekada '70, siya at si Ginang Felicitas Bernardino ng DepEd Bulacan, ay nagpasimula ng mga workshop sa drama sa Hiyas



BULACAN GOVERNOR DANIEL R. FERNANDO

Auditorium, at ito ang nagmarka ng simula ng kanyang pangmatagalang pakikilahok. Ang mga unang workshop na ito ay nagpasiklab ng isang pagkahilig na humantong sa paglikha ng "sinakulo" at mga dramang pangkasaysayan, na lubos na umalingawngaw sa lokal na komunidad.

Ngunit ang pananaw ni Enriquez ay higit pa sa simpleng libangan. Matibay siyang naniniwala sa nakapagpapabagong kapangyarihan ng teatro, ginagabayan ang mga indibidwal palayo sa mga negatibong impluwensya at nagtataguyod ng pagtuon sa edukasyon, kasaysayan, at sining. Ang kanyang mga produksyon, tulad ng "Kababaihan ng Malolos" at ang "Dulang Buhay Program," ay nagsisilbing mga buhay na buhay na pagtatanghal ng kultural na tapiserya ng Bulacan at ang mga nakasisiglang kuwento ng mga bayani nito.

Ang nagpapatangi kay Enriquez ay ang kanyang walang sawang dedikasyon sa kanyang mga mag-aaral. Buong pagmamalaki niyang isinalaysay ang mga kwento ng tagumpay ng mga artistang nagsimula sa kanilang paglalakbay sa high school at mula noon ay umunlad, isang patunay sa positibong impluwensya ng teatro. Ang kanyang impluwensya ay umaabot sa labas ng Bulacan, na may mga workshop na isinagawa sa iba't ibang rehiyon, na nagbabahagi ng kanyang kadalubhasaan at pagkahilig.

Isang tampok ng gawain ni Enriquez ay ang taunang "sinakulo," isang tradisyon na itinaguyod mula noong 1974, na naghahatid ng mga aral sa Bibliya at ang kakanyahan ng kaligtasan sa panahon ng Pasko. Ang dedikasyong ito sa makabuluhang pagkukuwento ay isang



Souvenir photo (l-r) Ace Cruz, Vicente 'Bong' Enriquez, Ludy Enriquez, Vic Billones II at Cecilio Franista.

tanda ng kanyang mga produksyon.

Kamakailan, matagumpay na binuhay ng grupo ng teatro ni Enriquez ang "Goyo: The Musical," na nagdiriwang ng kabayanihan ni Gregorio del Pilar. Orihinal na itinanghal noong 1975, ang pagbuhay ay naglalayong kumonekta sa isang bagong henerasyon, na nagpapaalala sa kanila ng katapangan at sakripisyo ng isang batang bayani. Umaasa si Enriquez na muling pag-alabin ang diwa ng pagkamakabayan sa mga kabataan, na naghihikayat sa kanila na italaga ang kanilang sarili sa pag-unlad ng bansa. Nakakatuwang malaman na si Enriquez ay unang nag-aral ng Engineering bago sundin ang kanyang puso sa teatro. Ang mahalagang desisyon na ito ay nagpayaman sa kultural na tanawin ng Bulacan at nagbigay kapangyarihan sa maraming indibidwal. Ang pamana ni Vicente "Bong" Enriquez ay isa sa pagkahilig, dedikasyon, at nakapagpapabagong sining. Ang kanyang mga kontribusyon ay hindi lamang pinangalagaan ang kultural na pamana ng Bulacan kundi nagbigay din ng inspirasyon sa isang bagong henerasyon ng mga artista at patriyota. Ang kanyang kuwento ay nagsisilbing paalala ng kapangyarihan ng teatro na hubugin ang buhay, pangalagaan ang kasaysayan, at bumuo ng isang mas maliwanag na kinabukasan.

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Isang pangwakas na pahayag na humihimok ng suporta para sa lokal na sining at mga inisyatibo sa teatro sa Bulacan. Hanggang sa muli.



The whole week became meaningful again with the People's Day we held, where we had the chance to listen to our Imuseño compatriots. Join me again next week to deliver service to every Imuseño. #PeoplesDay #AngatAnglmus #AlagangAdvincula

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of Real Estate Mortgage

**SPS. MICHAEL SERAFIN B. DE BELEN  
AND MARY FRANCESE ELIZABETH  
SALVACION C. DE BELEN,**  
Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE**

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, at PNB Financial Center, President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, and against the mortgagors, **SPS. MICHAEL SERAFIN B. DE BELEN AND MARY FRANCESE ELIZABETH SALVACION C. DE BELEN** at 12 CRM Zeny BF Homes, Almanza, Las Piñas City and Lot 38, Block 16, Verdana Homes, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of October 31, 2025, amounts to **SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY PESOS & 74/100 (P7,877,240.74)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **January 14, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

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The Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh), led by Gov. Aris Aumentado, through the Provincial Human Resource Management and Development Office (PHRMDO), recognized ten (10) Most Outstanding Employees under the Rank and File Employee Category during this morning's Flag Raising Ceremony, in acknowledgment of their dedication, professionalism, and exemplary public service in Bohol, the country's first and only UNESCO Global Geopark.

The awarding was led by PHRMDO Head Dr. Anne Mariquit Oppus, together with the different Capitol department heads.

Aligned with the Strategic Governance Roadmap on organizational development, the awardees were selected using the Model Employee Award Evaluation Tool, which assessed office performance, compliance with PHRMDO policies, work attitude and ethics, and their Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) average ratings, among others.

Congratulations to our awardees for setting a high standard of excellence and commitment in public service!



December 20, 2025 Ilang araw na lamang ay Pasko na at ito po ay ating damang-dama na talaga dahil ngayong gabi, tayo po ay naimbitahan sa Christmas Party ng Barangay Bf sa pangunguna ni Kapitan Jeremy Marquez na ginanap sa Barangay Hall, Bf Homes. Taos puso po tayong nagpapasalamat sa Barangay Bf Homes sa pangunguna ni Kapitan Jeremy Marquez sa paanyaya sa atin upang masaksihan ang masayang kaganapan na ito. Sa ngalan po ng Lungsod ng Parañaque, kami po ay bumabati ng isang maligayang Pasko sa ating lahat! Dalangin ko po na tayo ay patuloy na pagpalain ng Poong Maykapal. #YoursInPublicsERViCe

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