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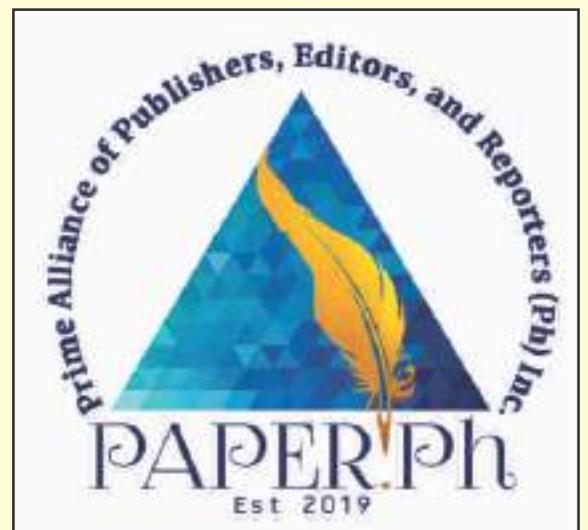
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## Bacoor police launch new alert system to strengthen crime prevention



**CITY OF BACOOR, Cavite (PIA) —** To further enhance public safety and protect businesses, the Bacoor Component City Police Station has launched Project SOS: 'Strike One SMS,' a new crime-prevention and rapid alert system designed to improve police response during emergencies.

The initiative was formally introduced during a recent coordination meeting held at the Strike Multipurpose Hall in the Bacoor Government Center, Barangay Bayanan. P/Lt. Chief Alexie A. Desamito led the meeting attended by local officials, police officers, program developers, and representatives from major convenience store chains operating in the city.

Among those present were Provincial Board Member Hon. Alde Pagulayan, City Councilor Hon. Manolo "Noly" Galvez, P/Lt. Chief Basman A. Macarangel Jr., P/Maj. Kris Albin B. Gonzales, Project SOS programmer, Yvan Mercado, and various business stakeholders.

Participants reviewed crime data covering calendar years 2023 to 2025 and discussed ways to strengthen preventive measures in commercial establishments. These measures included the enforcement of window transaction and clear-face policies, the use of advanced CCTV systems, door-clamping mechanisms, and intercom integration to improve security and monitoring.

A highlight of the meeting was the demonstration of the OR-MS-ART, a rapid-response device capable of instantly sending alerts to law enforcement during robbery incidents. PLT Chief Macarangel suggested incorporating an acknowledgment feature to confirm that responding police units receive alerts in real time.

Local officials expressed strong support for the project. Board Member Pagulayan and Councilor Galvez both committed to backing the initiative and exploring the passage of a local ordinance to institutionalize its implementation throughout Bacoor.

P/Lt. Desamito thanked all stakeholders and the Bacoor local government unit for their cooperation, underscoring the city's continued commitment to public safety and ensuring the protection of convenience store employees and customers. *(RBF/Bacoor Component City Police Station)*

## Cebu Electricity rights grp warns on critical power supply for 2026

## Cebu BRT funding a "concerning setback" says Mayor Archival



December 29, 2025: Moments after the House of Representatives ratified the bicameral conference committee report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4058 or the FY 2026 General Appropriations Bill, Speaker Faustino "Bojie" Dy III and Secretary General Cheloy Velicaria-Garafil signed the enrolled and reconciled version of the same prior to its transmittal to the Office of the President. The signing was witnessed by Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander Marcos, Committee on Appropriations chairperson Mikaela Angela Suansing Ate Mika Suansing, as well as other House leaders and members. The enrolled bill containing the proposed P6.793 trillion national budget for the coming year—a product of reforms towards transparency and regaining the people's trust—shall be transmitted to the Office of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for his review and signature. #20thCongress #HouseOfRepsPH #MakataoAtMatapatNaPaglilingkod #BagongKongreso #BudgetNgBayan



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## Cebu Electricity rights grp warns on critical power supply for 2026

**T**he Cebu Electricity Rights Advocates (CERA) warned on Friday of a "critical" power supply for Cebu in 2026 as it depends much on "imported" energy through submarine cables.

CERA Convenor Nathaniel Chua said that having a critical power supply risk paralyzing the local economy.

He cited business leaders in the manufacturing and export firms have already expressed deep alarm on the frequent "Yellow Alerts" declaration by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP).

Adding that "power-sharing limitation are already increasing cost and delaying production schedules."

"Without new stable power plants on the island,

responsibility on your part.

Cebu's First ever Cebu International Investment Summit (CIIS) 2026 has been set for January 12-16, 2026.

Global Powerhouses in Business are to attend.

CIIS 2026 welcomes 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.

Industry Champions/Local business conglomerates are to join the summit with confirmations from 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 allows International delegations to engage in high-level boardroom discussions regarding Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and joint ventures.

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 such as autoparts, electronics, and micro manufacturing; 2. Life sciences like hospitals, healthcare services, and medical tourism; 3. Talent Hubs like Education partnership, and workforce development; and 4. Infrastructure such as Power, Water, and Mobility networks.

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## Cebu's economic momentum is slowing down economic growth in 2026," Chua stressed.

"As the Department of Energy (DOE) officially flags a "potential critical supply situation" for the Visayas in 2026, CERA highlighted that Cebu's 150MW annual demand growth is now exceeding local generation, forcing a dangerous dependence on "imported" power from other islands," CERA said.

CERA is calling for the immediate construction of Island baseload power plants to end Cebu's risky reliance on submarine cables.

CERA advocates for resilient power grids, social equity in energy, and the adoption of sustainable practices

in the Visayas.

Moreover, CERA is pushing for better infrastructure to prevent power outages that result to economic hardship and energy poverty, especially after calamities, ensuring fair energy access for all.

Even security against fire occurrences were noted on low power supply.

"Cebu City fire crews have reported that many hydrants along major roads now register low to zero water pressure. This is related to the electrical grid's failure to support Metropolitan Cebu Water District (MCWD) pumping stations during outages or fluctuations," Chua disclosed. (By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)

## 248 injuries recorded on road crashes during the holidays

**T**he Department of Health in Central Visayas (DOH-7) recorded on Thursday, 248 road accidents during the recent holiday season.

The data was as of 31 December 2025 with 152 cases of drivers injured patients which represents more than half of the total.

The data included 76 injuries from collision incidents and another 76 from non-collision, such as self-accidents or road mishaps without another vehicle involved.

Rear passengers followed with 70 reported injuries, and pedestrians with 19 cases.

Road accidents remain as leading causes of emergency consultations during the holidays.

DOH-7 also continues to monitor cases related to chronic lifestyle-related injuries as part of its annual holiday health surveillance. (By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)

## Cebu BRT funding a "concerning setback" says Mayor Archival

**C**ebu City Mayor Nestor Archival admitted on Wednesday that the withdrawal of the World Bank's (WB) funding to the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit System (CBRT) is a "concerning setback."

"The World Bank is one of the big institutions that offer funding for public transport. I would say that what they are saying is true and the withdrawal of funding proves it," he said.

He added though that plans are underway to talk with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) about looking for new funders for the project's remaining phases.

"As you can see, 10 years have passed but the project has not been completed. As long as the loan remained unused, we paid a commitment fee. The World Bank noticed that we did not meet the deadline so they pulled out the funding," Archival cited.

WB maintained an "unsatisfactory" rating for the

Cebu BRT in its latest implementation status and results report. The report was released on 25 December 2025.

WB cited unresolved right-of-way issues, delayed resettlement, and weak institutional arrangements as key reasons for poor project progress. It also retained the project's overall risk rating at "high."

As of October 31, 2025, only 2.38 kilometers of dedicated BRT lanes have been constructed. This is far below the 12.16 kilometer target set for the project's closing period in September 2026.

Only the Civil Works Package 1 was substantially complete which excluded the Capitol Station segment.

Remained unfinished were key systems such as the bus depot and intelligent transport systems.

Still at zero were the outcome indicators, including daily ridership, emissions savings, and passenger satisfaction.

Financial data said that only S40.62 million, or about 35 percent, of the S116-million loan from the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has been disbursed as of December 2025.

A separate S25-million trust fund linked to the project also remains unused, leaving around S100 million in undisbursed financing.

Archival disclosed that World Bank has assured the city in providing technical assistance and help Cebu with potential partners under public-private partnership (PPP) scheme, even if direct funding has been revoked.

He clarified that the Cebu BRT is owned by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) with the city government acting only as a beneficiary.

"For now, this is something that saddens us because funds have been revoked," the mayor added. (By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)

## PH closely monitoring situation in Venezuela; urges restraint – DFA

**M**ANILA – The Philippines is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Venezuela following reports of a large-scale military operation carried out by the United States (US) that resulted in the capture of its leader, President Nicolas Maduro, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Sunday.

In a statement, DFA spokesperson Angelica Escalona said the Philippines is calling on all concerned parties to resolve disputes peacefully and avoid actions that could further escalate tensions.

"The Philippines is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Venezuela," Escalona said.

"The Philippines urges concerned parties to resolve disputes through peaceful means, and to exercise restraint to prevent escalation of conflict."

Escalona said the Philippine Embassy in Bogota, which serves as the country's non-resident mission for Venezuela, has issued a travel and safety advisory for Filipinos in the South American nation.

"The Philippine Embassy in Bogota, which serves as non-resident mission for Venezuela, has issued a travel and safety advisory to Filipinos in Venezuela, and stands ready to provide assistance to them, as necessary and appropriate, to keep them out of harm's way," she said.

The DFA statement came after US President

Donald Trump announced that Washington had "successfully" carried out a "large scale strike" against Venezuela, claiming that Maduro and his wife had been captured and removed from the country.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump said the operation was conducted "in conjunction with U.S. law enforcement."

The Trump administration has previously accused Maduro of drug trafficking, allegations that the Venezuelan leader has repeatedly denied.

The Philippine Embassy in Colombia earlier reminded Filipinos in Venezuela to identify safe spaces for refuge amid the developing situation. (PNA)



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, US President Donald Trump (Anadolu)

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# Depcom Uvero pinangunahan ang National Exporters' Week 2025 at OFWs nagpasalamat sa BOC!

## Tutok Aduana ni Reynante Salgado

Ang Bureau of Customs ay minarkahan ang isang malaking milestone sa kanilang trade facilitation reforms nang ipahayag nito ang buong digital adoption ng Origin Management System sa ginanap na National Exporters' Week (NEW) 2025 na ginanap noong kamakailan.

Ang kaganapan, na inorganisa ng Department of Trade and Industry Export Marketing Bureau (DTI-EMB) sa pakikipagtagulungan sa Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc., ay nagtipon ng mga lider ng industriya at stakeholder upang isulong ang mga layunin ng Philippine Export Development Plan sa ilalim ng temang "Making Waves: Exporters Driving the Nation Forward."

Sa pagdiriwang ang pinangunahan ni Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group Deputy Commissioner, Atty. Agaton Teodoro O. Uvero at naghatid ito ng mensahe na nagbibigay-diin sa kahalagahan ng modernisasyon ng mga sistema na direktang nakakaapekto sa pang-araw-araw na operasyon ng mga eksporter. Inanunsyo niya na ganap na ngayong pinagtibay ng BOC ang Origin Management System (OMS), isang bagong online platform na nagdi-digitize sa buong proseso ng pamamahala ng mga pangunahing impormasyon ng mga nag-e-export na kumpanya sa aplikasyon at pag-iisyu ng Product Evaluation Report (PER) na may inilabas na Customs Memorandum Order No. 6-2025.

Ang sistema ay nagbibigay-daan sa mga exporter na magsumite ng PER na aplikasyon nang walang putol, na nagpapadali sa pagsunod sa regulasyon sa gayo'y tinitiyak ang pagiging kwalipikado para sa mga kagustuhan sa taripa. Ang pagiging digital ay gagawing mas mabilis, predictable, mas transparent, at mas madali ang pagproseso ng mga PER application para sa mga negosyo, lalo na para sa mga micro, small at medium na

negosyo.

Ang pagbabagong ito ay ganap ding naaayon sa mas malawak na direktiba ni Pangulong Bong-bong Marcos Jr. na i-streamline ang mga pamamaraan ng pamahalaan at pahasayin ang kadalian ng paggawa ng negosyo.

Sa ilalim ng administrasyong ito, inilunsad na ng BOC ang malawakang digitalization ng mga proseso sa customs, na tumutulong na mabawasan ang mga burukratikong bottleneck at mga kahinaan sa korapsyon habang pinapabuti ang pangangalakal para sa mga exporter at importer.

Si Atty. Jenny P. Diokno, Chief of the Export Coordination Division, na nagpakita ng isang presenasyon na punamagatang "Streamlining Steps to Export Success: Unlocking Tariff Preferences Through the Origin Management System."

Ipinaliwanag ni Atty. Diokno kung paano maaari nang mag-apply online ang mga exporters para sa Product Evaluation Report (PER), isang mahalagang dokumento na kinakailangan bago mag-avail ng mga pribilehiyo ng taripa sa ibang bansa.

Ang kanyang presentasyon ay dinala sa mga kalahok ang sunud-sunod na proseso at ipinakita kung paano inaalis ng digital PER system ang mahabang paghihintay, binabawasan ang mga papeles, at pinapaliit ang panganiib ng mga errors.

Ang aktibong pakikilahok ng BOC sa BAGONG 2025 ay binibigyang-diin ang pangako ng ahensya na gawing mas episyente ang mga pamamaraan sa pag-export at madaling gamitin sa negosyo. Sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, patuloy na tinatanggap ng Bureau ang mga digital na tool na mas madali ang proseso para sa mga eksporter. "Nais kong maramdaman ng ating mga exporters ang kaunting paghihintay, kaunting hadlang, at higit na suporta mula sa Customs," ibinahagi ni Commissioner Nepomuceno. Sa ganap na paggamit ng OMS, tinutulungan ng Bureau na matiyak na ang mga Filipino exporters ay maaaring makipagkumpitensya nang mas epektibo sa mga pandaigdigang merkado, ma-access ang zero o pinababang mga taripa, at sa huli ay mag-ambag sa mas maraming trabaho, mas malakas na industriya, at mas masiglang ekonomiya.

Samantala, masaya at emosyonal na tinanggap ng mga Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) ang kanilang mga balikbayan box matapos ang mahabang panahon ng paghihintay.

Ang mga balikbayan box na ito ay bahagi ng mga kargamento na inabandona at hindi naihatid ng ilang freight forwarder, at ngayon ay unti-unting ipinamamahagi sa mga OFW at kanilang pamilya.

Ang pagpapalabas at paghahatid ng mga inabandunang balikbayan box ay isinasagawa sa tulong at suporta ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., na nagpahayag ng buong suporta sa pagsisikap ng gobyerno na tulungan ang mga OFW na apektado ng mga mapanlinlang at iresponsableng kumpanya ng freight forwarding.

Nilinaw ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) na ang matagal na pagkaantala sa paghahatid ng mga kargamento ay dulot ng kabiguan ng ilang mga deconsolidator at freight forwarder na tuparin ang kanilang mga obligasyon, kahit na nakakolekta na ng bayad mula sa mga OFW sa ibang bansa.

Para panagutin ang mga responsable, sinamahan ng BOC ang mga OFW sa pagsasampa ng kaso sa National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) noong Disyembre 4.

Pinaalalahanan din ang mga OFW na maging mas maingat sa pagpili ng mga freight forwarder, upang matiyak na ang mga kumpanya ay lehitimo, at iwasan ang mga alok na may hindi makatotohanang mababang bayad na maaaring humantong sa pandaraya. Bilang karagdagan tulog, ang BOC ay patuloy na maglalabas ng mga opisyal na advisories at update sa pamamagitan ng mga opisyal na plataporma nito upang makatulong sa pagbibigay ng tumpak na impormasyon sa publiko. Sa ngayon, 15 container ng mga inabandonang balikbayan box ang inilabas at kasalukuyang inihahatid, habang 21 pa ang nakatakdang i-pull out at iproseso ngayong linggo. Ang Bureau of Customs ay nananatiling nakatuon sa pagprotekta sa kapakanan ng mga OFW at pagtiyak na ang mga isyung tulad nito ay matutugunan sa isang transparent, maayos, at accountable na paraan.

Kudos Bureau of Customs! Mabuhay po kayong lahat sa pangunguna ni Comm. Ariel Nepmouceno.



## KATROPA N'YO Vic Billones III

Nitong mga nakaraang linggo, umalingawngaw mula sa ilang sulok ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas ang panawagan para sa mas simpleng pagdiriwang ng Pasko at Bagong Taon, na hinihimok ang mga mamamayan na isaalang-alang ang mga nagdurusa dahil sa mga sakuna at kahirapan sa ekonomiya.

Gayunpaman, ang paglalakad sa mataong pamilihan at mga grocery ay nagpapakita ng ibang kuwento: Ang mga Pilipino, sa napakaraming bilang, ay bumibili ng mga regalo, sangkap para sa mga maluluhong handaan, at maging mga paputok, na tila hindi natitinag ng mga pakiusap para sa pagtitipid. Ito ba ay isang tanda ng pagwawalang-bahala sa mga nangangailangan, o nagpapakita ba ito ng mas malalim na katotohanan tungkol sa nagpapatuloy na kapangyarihan ng pananampalataya at tradisyon sa Pilipinas?

Para sa maraming Pilipino, ang Pasko ay hindi lamang isang holiday; ito ay isang sagradong pagdiriwang na nakaugat sa malalim na pananampalatayang Katoliko. Ang pagtitipid sa mga pagdiriwang ay warng isang pagkakamali sa kanilang Panginoon at Tagapagligtas na si Jesucristo. Gaya ng paliwanag ng isang mamimili sa isang lokal na pamilihan, "Bumibili kami hindi para sa aming sarili, kundi dahil sa pagmamahal kay Hesus, upang parangalan ang Kanyang kapanganakan." Ang sentimyentong ito ay umaalingawngaw sa buong kapuluan, kung saan ang pananampalataya ay madalas na nakikita bilang isang mapagkukunan ng lakas at katatagan sa harap ng kahirapan. Sa isang bansa kung saan ang relihiyon ay may mahalagang papel sa pang-araw-araw na buhay, ang pagdiriwang ng Pasko nang may debosyon ay nakikita bilang isang gawa ng malalim na espirituwal na kahalagahan.

Sa pagtatapos ng taon, naghahanda ang mga

## Kapag Nangibabaw ang Pananampalataya sa Pagtitipid: Isang Paradoks ng Pilipinas

Ang pagtitipid ay isang tradisyong nagpapalibang sa mga tradisyon na matagal nang ginagawa. Ang mga tahanan ay kailangang malinis, na sumisimbolo ng isang bagong simula at pagwawalis ng masamang kapalaran. Ang mga pamilya ay nagtitipon para sa isang handaan, isang maluhong piging na nilayon upang matiyak ang kasaganaan sa darating na taon.

At kahit ngayon, ang hangin ay amoy ng pulbura at dumadagundong ang ingay ng mga paputok, sa kabila ng kanilang mataas na halaga at ang mga panganib na dulot nito. Para sa marami, ang mga paputok ay nagsisilbi ng dalawang layunin: upang lumikha ng ingay na nagtataboy ng masasamang espiritu mula sa mga tahanan at komunidad, at upang manghikayat ng mga pagpapala at gabay ng Panginoon para sa pagpasok na taon, 2026. Ang mga tradisyon na ito, na ipinasa sa mga henerasyon, ay higit pa sa mga ritwal; ang mga ito ay mga pagpapahayag ng pag-asa, optimismo, at isang kolektibong pananabik para sa isang mas maliwanag na kinabukasan.

Gayunpaman, nananatili ang tanong: makatwiran bang makisali sa tila labis na mga pagdiriwang kung napakaraming iba pa ang nahihirapan? Sinasabi ng mga kritiko na ang mga kagamitan na ginugol sa mga handaan at paputok ay mas mahusay na gamitin upang pagaanin ang kahirapan o magbigay ng tulong sa mga apektado ng mga sakuna.

Gayunpaman, para sa maraming Pilipino, ang mga pagdiriwang na ito ay hindi lamang tungkol sa materyal na kasiyahan; ang mga ito ay tungkol sa pagtataguyod ng isang sistema ng mga pagpapahalaga at tradisyon na ipinasa sa mga henerasyon. Gaya ng paliwanag ng isang residente, mahirap humiwalay sa mga kaugalian na kinalakihan ng mga Pilipino, lalo na pagdating sa pagpaparangal sa kapanganakan ni Jesucristo.

Sa huli, ang paradoks ng pananampalataya at pagdiriwang sa Pilipinas ay nagpapakita ng isang masalimuot na pagkakaugnay ng tradisyon, paniniwala, at realidad ng ekonomiya. Habang ang panawagan para sa mas simpleng mga pagdiriwang ay maaaring may mabuting intensyon, nabigo itong ganap na maunawaan ang malalim na nakatanim na kultural na kahalagahan ng

Tsk! Tsk! Tsk! Marahil ang hakbangin ay hindi sa pag-abandona sa mga tradisyon na ito nang sama-sama, ngunit sa paghahanap ng mga paraan upang ipagdiwang ang mga ito nang mas responsable at papanatili. Sa pagtanaw ng mga Pilipino sa 2026, ang kanilang pag-asa ay upang papasukin ang isang taon na puno ng mga pagpapala at magandang kapalaran, at patuloy silang magsisikap at maghanda para sa kanilang sarili at sa kanilang mga pamilya, sa natatanging paraan ng Pilipino. Hanggang sa muli.



# Bacoor City steps up relief efforts for fire victims



**B**ACOOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Bacoor City government has continued its relief efforts for families displaced by recent fires in Sitio Bulate, Barangay Dulong Bayan, and Camella East, Barangay San Nicolas 2. Under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla and in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region IV-A, Family Food Boxes were distributed on Monday, December 15, 2025, to ensure that affected residents have sufficient food while staying in evacuation centers.

A total of 88 families, comprising 298 individuals from Sitio Bulate, along with one family of three from Camella East, received assistance. Each Family Food Box contains six kilos of rice, 10 cans of assorted canned goods, and 10 sachets of drink mix or soup, providing

essential sustenance during their displacement. The distribution was attended by DSWD Region IV-A representatives Marlden Tongson and Ric Vertudez, along with personnel from the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) Office.

According to the city government, this activity forms part of the city's broader relief efforts, which have already included the provision of hot meals, hygiene kits, clothing, kitchen sets, and sleeping kits for internally displaced persons (IDPs).

City officials emphasized that relief operations will continue as monitoring and verification activities remain ongoing in the affected communities, assuring fire victims of sustained support and assistance throughout their recovery. *(RBF)*

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# Kabataang Magsasaka, Binigyang-Suporta ng DA-ATI CALABARZON sa Negosyong Organiko

Pinangunahan ng Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute CALABARZON (DA-ATI CALABARZON) ang gawaing "Nurturing the Future: The Youth Internship Program on Organic Agriculture (YIPOA) Batch 3 Culminating Activity" na ginanap noong Disyembre 22, 2025 sa Costales Nature Farms, Majayjay, Laguna. Layunin ng aktibidad na pagtibayin ang kakayahan ng kabataang magsasaka at bigyang-suporta ang kanilang pagsisimula sa negosyong organiko.

Dinaluhan ang culminating activity ng anim (6) na interns at apat (4) na farm partners mula sa iba't ibang bahagi ng CALABARZON. Nagsilbi itong pormal na pagtatapos ng kanilang internship sa ilalim ng YIPOA, isang programang nakatuon sa paghuhubog ng kabataan sa pamamagitan ng hands-on learning, mentorship, at aktwal na pagpapatupad ng mga organikong pamamaraan sa pagsasaka.

Bilang mahalagang bahagi ng programa, iginawad ni Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAGR, ang halagang ₱150,000.00 na support fund sa bawat intern bilang tulong sa pagsasakatuparan ng kanilang mga aprubadong Business/Enterprise Plans (BEP). Ang nasabing suporta ay inaasahang magsisilbing panimulang puhunan upang mapalago ang kanilang mga organikong farming enterprises at maisalin sa aktwal na kabuhayan ang mga natutunang kaalaman.

Sa kanyang mensahe, nagpaabot ng taos-pusong pasasalamat si Dr. Maningas sa mga interns sa kanilang patuloy na pagyakap sa organikong pagsasaka. Binigyang-diin din niya ang mahalagang papel ng mga mentors at farm partners sa paggabay sa kabataan at sa walang humpay na pagsusulong ng organikong agrikultura sa rehiyon.

Nagpaabot din ng suporta ang DA-Regional Field



Office (RFO) sa katauhan ni G. Arnaldo P. Gonzales, Alternate Organic Agriculture (OA) Focal Person, na kumatawan kay RTD Felix Joselito H. Noceda, Regional OA Focal Person. Ipinahayag niya ang pagbati at pasasalamat sa mga interns at mentors bilang pagkilala sa kanilang dedikasyon at mahalagang ambag sa tagumpay ng programa.

Ang YIPOA Batch 3 Culminating Activity ay

sumasalamin sa patuloy na adbokasiya ng DA-ATI CALABARZON na palakasin ang partisipasyon ng kabataan sa agrikultura at ihanda sila bilang mga susunod na henerasyon ng organic farmers at agripreneurs. Sa pamamagitan ng pinagsamang kaalaman, mentorship, at konkretong suporta, patuloy na isinusulong ng institusyon ang sustainable, inclusive, at makabagong agrikultura sa CALABARZON.

# DSWD IV-A builds stronger pathways for 4Ps families through multi-sector partnerships

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office IV-A continues to reinforce its commitment to empowering Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) households by widening access to education, employment, and healthcare services through strategic partnerships across the CALABARZON region.

On December 15, 2025, the regional office entered into new partnership agreements with five institutions from the education, training, and health sectors—National University (NU) Dasmariñas, University of Batangas, Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc., Technovative Training Center, Inc., and San Antonio Medical Center of Lipa, Inc.

Assistant Regional Director Mylah Gatchalian said the partnerships are aligned with the Department's thrust to equip 4Ps beneficiaries with the necessary skills, knowledge, and health support needed to achieve self-reliance as they prepare for transition or graduation from the program.

"These collaborations strengthen our capacity to deliver more responsive and comprehensive services, particularly in education, skills development, and health, which are critical to improving the long-term outcomes of 4Ps households," Gatchalian noted.

Through the partnership, NU Dasmariñas and the University of Batangas will extend scholarship opportunities, competency-building initiatives, and community-based programs that aim to enhance the academic performance and employability of 4Ps college students.

Meanwhile, Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc. and Technovative Training Center, Inc. will provide enterprise-based training programs designed to link technical education with actual industry requirements, offering beneficiaries pathways toward certification and employment through partner companies.

Dualtech Training Center President Engr. Jerry Web Muhi emphasized the broader impact of the collaboration, stating that the initiative seeks to develop learners who can contribute meaningfully to their communities and to national development.

To further support the well-being of 4Ps families, San Antonio Medical Center of Lipa, Inc. will deliver medical assistance and preventive healthcare services, helping reduce health-related expenses that often hinder economic progress.

Currently, DSWD Field Office IV-A maintains active partnerships with 49 external stakeholders from civil



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society organizations, private institutions, and higher education sectors in the region.

The Department underscored that sustained collaboration with various sectors remains essential in

advancing inclusive development, ensuring that 4Ps families are not only assisted but are fully equipped to build healthier, more productive, and self-sustaining lives. (CCM/PIA4A)



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# Calamba City leads 129th Rizal Day commemoration, pays tribute to Dr. Jose Rizal

**C**ALAMBA CITY, Laguna — Led by the Calamba City government and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the heroism and contributions to national independence of national hero Dr. Jose Rizal were commemorated as part of the 129th Rizal Day observance on December 30.

With the theme "Rizal: In the Rise of the People, Your Lessons and Spirit Are the True Guide," the commemoration reflected on the life of the national hero, the lessons he imparted, and his contributions to history that continue to serve as a beacon and guide for the nation's future.

Calamba City Mayor Roseller Rizal said the annual remembrance of Rizal's martyrdom underscores the importance of honoring the patriotism he exemplified through integrity, compassion for others, and deep love for the Motherland.

As a symbol of unity and remembrance, floral offerings were laid at Rizal's monument by the Office of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., representatives from national government agencies, the Provincial Government of Laguna, local government units, members of civil society organizations, and several of Rizal's relatives.

Laguna Governor Sol Aragonés also attended the program and highlighted the contributions of modern-day heroes such as teachers, health workers, government employees, and others who continue to serve the nation.

Meanwhile, the city government encouraged every Filipino to continue drawing inspiration from Rizal in the pursuit of a just, patriotic, and more progressive Philippines.

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) CALABARZON also joined the tribute and commemoration of the heroism of Dr. Jose Rizal. Representing PIA CALABARZON Regional Head Ma. Cristina Arzadon, PIA



Laguna Information Center Coordinator Christopher Hedreyda personally offered floral tributes at the hero's monument at Jose Rizal Plaza.

The participation of national government agencies in the Rizal Day observance highlights the enduring value of Rizal's life and teachings, and their continued promotion as a source of inspiration for every Filipino. **(PIA LAGUNA)**

## P2.9-B budget seen to boost school-based mental health program

**M**ANILA — Senator Sherwin Gatchalian said the PHP2.9-billion budget allocated for the School-Based Mental Health Program and the creation of the Learner Wellness Division will boost the government's drive for efficiency.

In a statement on Saturday, Gatchalian said the allocation is consistent with the implementation of Republic Act 12080, or the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act.

The law mandates the development and strengthening of the School-Based Mental Health Program to promote the well-being of learners, which shall manage their mental health concerns.

During Academic Year 2021-2022, the Department of Education reported 404 students died by suicide and 2,147 attempted to take their lives.

Reports in mid-2025 also showed that suicide cases were often linked to academic pressures and failing

marks.

The law's implementing rules and regulations seeks the creation of a Learner Wellness Division under the Bureau of Learner Support Services.

The division is tasked with setting annual targets for the law's implementation, including establishing school mental health offices and care centers, and filling required plantilla positions.

"Kinikilala natin ang bigat at agarang pangangailangan na tugunan ang mga suliranin sa mental health ng mga kabataan. Kaya bahagi ng makasaysayang pondong inilaan natin para sa sektor ng edukasyon ang pagtaguyod sa mental health at kapakanan ng ating mga mag-aaral (We recognize the burden and immediate needs to answer the mental health issue of the youth. That's why we allocated that fund for the education sector to solve the mental health issue and welfare of our students)," Gatchalian said. **(PNA)**



(Photo courtesy of DepEd)

## PNP chief commits to enhanced managing police operations

**P**ASIG CITY (PIA) — Philippine National Police (PNP) chief PLTGEN Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. commits the entire police force to enhanced management of police operations (EMPO).

In his New Year's message, Nartatez said that the PNP's enhanced managing of police operations ensures smarter, faster, and more responsive actions to the needs of the community.

"Upholding Integrity Monitoring remains non-negotiable—discipline, accountability, and ethical conduct must define every police officer at all times. Above all, we will deepen Active Community Support, because peace and security are best achieved when police and community stand together in trust and cooperation," said Nartatez.

He also noted the PNP's renewed hope, shared resolve, and a deeper commitment to serve and protect the public.

"The past year has tested our strength and discipline, but it has also shown the resilience of our people and the dedication of our police officers who continue to perform their duties with courage, professionalism, and heart."

Aside from strengthening police operations as part of the PNP's Focus Agenda program, Nartatez also highlighted the need to strengthen the PNP's resource management to ensure responsible use of assets and capabilities.

"We will give utmost importance to morale and welfare, recognizing that a motivated and well-supported police force is essential to effective public service."

Nartatez also assured the public of the PNP's commitment to serve and protect the Filipino people.

"The PNP remains steadfast—always ready, always accountable, always in service of the Filipino people." **(JEG/PIA-NCR)**



# Police shift security focus to Jesus Nazareno feast

**M**ANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) on Sunday has shifted its full security focus to the upcoming Feast of the Jesus Nazareno on Jan. 9, following the conclusion of Christmas and New Year's Day deployments.

Visibility and intelligence monitoring have been intensified ahead of the annual religious event, which is expected to draw millions of devotees to Quiapo, Manila, acting PNP chief Lt. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said in a news release Sunday.

Nartatez said police officers were deployed starting Jan. 2 for Masses, community visits in Quiapo and blessing of Nazareno replicas.

An estimated 15,000 to 18,000 officers will be deployed across Manila and nearby areas, with reinforcements coming from Police Regional Offices in Central Luzon and Calabarzon.

Coordination with the Manila city government, Quiapo Church, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority and other agencies has been ongoing for the past two months, Nartatez said.

Medical teams and specialized police units will also be on standby even as the PNP urged the public to cooperate with authorities and observe safety guidelines, especially during the Traslacion procession.

The PNP has not monitored threats linked to the celebration.

“Every year has a different security challenge but the objective remains the same: To ensure the safety of the millions of devotees and to maintain peace and order at the span of the annual religious activity.

Your PNP is ready but we still ask for vigilance and cooperation from the public to achieve our goal,” Nartatez said. (PNA)



**RELIGIOUS TRADITION.** Barefoot devotees carry a replica of the Jesus Nazareno in Quiapo, Manila on Saturday (Jan. 3, 2026). Replicas and banners (istandarte) were blessed by priests of the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of the Jesus Nazareno. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

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Total Number of Vehicular Crash: 1  
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**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**  
Total Number of Traffic Violators Apprehended during Oplan MSBR: 1  
Type of Traffic Violation: -No Helmet  
-One (1) MC Driver issued Violation ticket

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Deputy Commissioners Atty. Agaton Uvero and Atty. Jenny Diokno of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) participated in the recent National Exporters' Week (NEW) 2025. During the event, the BOC celebrated a significant advancement in its trade facilitation reforms by announcing the full digital implementation of the Origin Management System (OMS). Organized by the Department of Trade and Industry Export Marketing Bureau (DTI-EMB) in collaboration with the Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc., NEW 2025 brought together industry leaders and stakeholders to promote the Philippine Export Development Plan, under the theme "Making Waves: Exporters Driving the Nation Forward." The BOC's involvement in NEW 2025 highlights its dedication to improving export procedures and fostering a business-friendly environment. Under the leadership of Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, the Bureau continues to adopt digital tools to streamline processes for exporters. (BELOW PHOTO) Enforcement Group Deputy Commissioner Nolasco Bathan, along with PNP Acting Chief PLTGEN Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr., held a press briefing at 2:00 PM on January 1, 2026, at TALA Cargo Solution, No. 201 Mabolo St., Maysilo, Malabon. They presented details regarding the discovery and seizure of unregistered imported tobacco products, valued at approximately P1.5 billion, during a New Year's Eve operation. (Source: BOC/posted by Reynante Salgado)

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