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Local talents, businesses thrive in Cavite's Bakood Festival



BACOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Beyond a cultural and religious celebration of Cavite's marching band roots, the Bakood Festival serves as a major showcase of the Bacoor's economic potential for an international audience.

Celebrated to honor St. Michael the Archangel, the festival highlights its rich musical culture which has long earned acclaim from international stages.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency, City Information and Community Relations Department (CICRD) chief Kristine Evangelista, underscored that the Bakood Festival creates a string of opportunities for various local sectors, particularly artists and small businesses.

"Ang festival ay hindi lamang cultural celebration, isa rin itong pagkakataon para suportahan ang livelihood at local entrepreneurship. Sa Bacoor, ang development at tradition ay hindi magkalaban, ang layunin natin ay patuloy na umunlad ang ating lungsod habang nananatiling buhay ang ating kultura."

Bacoor's marching bands have long been known across the Philippines and worldwide. Recently, the city was named host of the 2028 Asian Music Games. Beyond cementing the city's title as the "Marching Band Capital of the Philippines", the international competition is expected to draw global visitors and boost the local economy.

"Malaking bagay ang international exposure dahil napapakilala nito ang Bacoor bilang isang lungsod na may malakas na musical and cultural heritage. Kapag mas nakikilala ang ating kultura, mas nagkakaroon ng potential para sa cultural tourism at mas maraming visitors at economic activity para sa ating local businesses."

Attracting competitors from parts of Cavite, Tagkawayan, Antipolo, and Metro Manila, the festival also provided a direct boost to local hospitality, lodging, and dining sectors.

Unlike other purely recreational festivities, the Bakood Festival integrates socio-economic activities within their programme. Alongside job fairs, pop-ups and marketplaces selling souvenirs and artisanal products, the city government also highlights itself as a prime investment location through its infrastructure, local transport networks, and dining facilities.

To maintain its relevance to an era dominated by streaming services, Bakood Festival is also livestreamed across their official social media platforms.

"Ginagamit din natin ng social media at digital platforms upang mas mapalawak ang audience nito. Kasabay nito, hinihikayat natin ang kabataan na matuto, sumali, at maging bahagi ng pagpapatuloy ng ating tradisyon." ***(PB-PIA CALABARZON)***

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Hinandugan po natin ng prosthetic leg sina Ina Charisse Sarceda, 31 taong gulang ng Bucandala 1, Hanielyn Magno, 15 taong gulang ng Bucandala 2, at Rodjie Garcia, 45 taong gulang ng Bayan Luma 7. Hangad po natin na sa pamamagitan ng mga ganitong programa, mas marami pa tayong matulungan na muling maging aktibo at makapamuhay nang mas maayos at may higit na kumpiyansa. *#LungsodNglmus*



OPLAN UNDAS 2026: The City Government of Carmona is now preparing for the upcoming Undas. We led the speech for the Oplan Undas 2026 held at the Carmona Operations Center. The representatives of various departments of the City Government, Philippine National Police, and Bureau of Fire Protection attended the speech to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of those visiting the cemetery. *#CityOfCarmona #LungsodNgCarmona #LGUCarmona #BayanMunaLagi #DapatAngatLahat*

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

Cebu magnitude 6.9 earthquake remembered...as P19.28-B recovery budget evaluated

ON THE WATCH
Rico Osmeña



Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro led on Wednesday the assessment on the rehabilitation and recovery of the earthquake hit Northern Cebu.

This as the estimated ₱19.28 billion Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) is now being evaluated on how much that has already been spent and still to be released.

Baricuatro cited ₱32.15 million distributed to 3,215 affected families in Bogo City, or ₱10,000 per family, in June 2026.

She added that Bogo's temporary tent city in Barangay Cogon has been vacated with some families transferred to the National Housing Authority (NHA).

While others received construction materials to repair homes that remained salvageable.

"Temporary and disaster-resilient classrooms have been provided like in Bogo , a Learning Continuity Space was installed at Marcelo B. Fernan Polambato Elementary School after its 21 classrooms were condemned," the governor said.

The Cebu Provincial Government had 13 bridge projects worth ₱276 million for the provincial funds.

Report from the Department of Public Works and Highways in Central Visayas (DPWH-7) said only ₱856.45 million had been released for the earthquake-damaged schools and bridges, this is out of ₱4.494 billion requested. Leaving ₱3.637 billion pending.

The PDNA were appropriated for Department of Education with ₱6.03 billion; DPWH with ₱4.37 billion; Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) with ₱3.31 billion; National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) with ₱2.30 billion; and for Cebu Provincial Government with ₱708.19 million.

The PDNA were broke down into Social sector -- housing, schools, health, and social services; Infrastructure --- roads, bridges, ports, and life lines; Productive sector -- Agriculture, fisheries, tourism, and trade; Cross-cutting sector --- governance, environment, and DRRM.

As of this date, the overall assessment cited as permanent housing incomplete, livelihood recovery incomplete, schools had temporary solutions and rebuilding underway, road/ bridge rehabilitation is underway, restoration of basic services in substantial progress, emergency response is largely completed and full rehabilitation still years away.

The regional government itself has adopted a " Build Back Better" approach rather than simply replacing what was destroyed.

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Cebu City Administrator Tan takes on leave as controversy on BAC procurement probed

Cebu City's "little mayor" , City Administrator Albert Tan took a leave of absence from his post and concurrent chairman of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC).

This was disclosed on Tuesday by Kenneth Siasar, the Chief of Staff of Mayor Nestor Archival.

He bared that the Mayor's Office received concerns from some suppliers regarding the procurement being implemented by the BAC.

He clarified though that Tan voluntarily took the leave of absence to allow the investigation to proceed and to clear the name of Tan.

"The Mayor is very sensitive to public concern, " Siasar said.

City Attorney Briccio Boholst assumed as acting City Administrator in a concurrent capacity.

Archival designated Boholst in a memorandum order effective, September 18, 2026.

Boholst can approve financial documents worth ₱5 million, can sign employees' electronic daily time records and perform other administrative duties under the Mayor's directive.

Siasar stressed that Tan's move does not mean a resignation. "It's not resignation," he said.

He added that Tan stepped aside both as City Administrator and BAC chairman while the investigation is being conducted.

He said that any decision on Tan's return will depend on the outcome of the investigation and will remain under the Mayor's prerogative. ***(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)***

Cebu's economy had slow growth in 2025 says PSA-7

The Economy of Cebu continue to expand in 2025, but on a slower pace says the Philippine Statistics Authority in Central Visayas (PSA-7) on Friday.

For Cebu Province, its economy grew by 2.7 percent in 2025, down from 7.4 percent in 2024.

Cebu City had 5.8 percent growth in 2025 compared to 2024's 7 percent. Cebu Province's gross domestic product (GDP) recorded ₱453.76 billion in 2025 or up from ₱441.65 billion in 2024.

GDP is a measure of the total value of goods and services produced in the country as it is being used to gauge the size and performance of an economy.

The growth in GDP indicates expanding or slowing over of the economy.

Cebu City's GDP reached ₱353.81 billion in 2025 compared to ₱334.35 billion in 2024.

Human health and social work activities posted the highest growth among industries in Cebu Province at 11.8 percent.

While Public administration and defense, including compulsory social security, grew by 11.3 percent as financial and insurance activities went up by 9.6 percent.

Having the lowest decline was mining and quarrying with 13.4 percent.

For Cebu City, human and social work activities grew at 13.1 percent.

Public administration and defense, including compulsory social security grew by 9.3 percent, followed by transportation and storage at 7.9 percent.

PSA-7 Regional Director Wilma Perante said the Provincial Product Accounts(PPA) provides local governments and sectoral planners with data that can guide economic policies and investment decisions.

"The Provincial Product Accounts give our local chief executives and sectoral planners the precision needed to craft better policies, target investments where they matter most, and bridge economic gaps," Perante said.

She added that the data can be used in planning for rural communities, tourism, information technology - business process management and local enterprises.

She cited the region grew by 7.3 percent in 2024 with Bohol Province having 8.8 percent growth, Cebu Province at 7.3 percent, Mandaue City 6.9 percent and Lapu-Lapu City 6.5 percent.

Central Visayas' economy grew by 3.7 percent in 2025, with a total economic output at ₱1.32 trillion.

Perante stressed that the region remained the largest economy outside Metro Manila, supported by nearly ₱35 billion in local investment approvals and continued non-residential development.

"Data with purpose paired with vision becomes a roadmap for progress, " she said.

The region's economy much depended on services, industries and agriculture. ***(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)***

Guv PAM warns on hogs smuggling, arrests to be made

Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro warned on Thursday against the illegal entry of hogs into the province. "We will arrest you," Baricuatro said to hog smugglers.

She discussed the matter already with Negros Oriental Governor Manuel " Chaco" Sagarbarria as the possibility that illegally transported hogs came from Negros oriental.

"He was wondering why there was a case in Ginatilan when it was not directly across the affected towns in Negros Oriental. So, I told him it could be related to the smuggling," said the Cebu Governor.

"Don't try it because you'll definitely get caught here. Our PNP(Philippine National Police) is very proactive about this," she added.

Cases of African Swine Fever (ASF) were confirmed in Barangays Cagsing and Calabawan in Ginatilan.

Three Barangays in Cebu City namely: Pamutan, Toong and Buhisan were designated as hotspots.

Baricuatro extended the prohibition on the entry of live hogs, and pork products from Negros Oriental and other ASF- affected areas.

Meanwhile, Bohol Province issued an Executive Order banning live hogs and pork products entry from Ginatilan and Cebu City. ***(By RICO MIRASOL OSMEÑA)***

Expanded 4PH residential building in Cavite nears completion

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Expanded Pabahay para sa Pamilyang Pilipino (4PH), the country's flagship program that delivers quality and affordable homes, topped off more residential buildings as part of the government's bid to provide safe homes for every Filipino family.

On October 1, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and Pag-IBIG Fund finished the structural construction of two residential buildings at JAB Residences, Dasmariñas City.

In a press release, DHSUD noted that the residential project consists of 17 five-storey buildings, each with 27-square-meter units priced at P1.5 million. The project is expected to generate at least 4,000 condominium-type housing units.

Led by DHSUD Secretary and Pag-IBIG Fund Board Chairman Jose Ramon P. Aliling and Pag-IBIG Fund CEO Marilene C. Acosta, the topping-off ceremony also marked the start of the National Shelter Month which highlights the efforts of both private and government sectors to deliver decent, safe, affordable, and sustainable homes.



Last February, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. visited Megawide Construction Corp.'s precast plant in Taytay, Rizal. The President's visit saw modern construction methods that can help accelerate the delivery of quality homes under the Expanded 4PH. ***(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Pag-IBIG Fund)***

FROM THE CUSTOMS CORRIDOR

by Sensei Ryu

SUGPO SMUGGLING, SULIT NA KOLEKSYON: ANG MATATAG NA PAGBABAGO SA BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

Kung mayroong isang mahalagang leksyon na itinuturo sa atin ng heograpiya ng Zamboanga Peninsula at Sulu, ito ay ang lawak ng ating mga baybayin at ang panganib na dala ng mga ilegal na kalakalan kung walang sapat na nagbabantay. Sa likod ng mga alon at malalawak na dalampasigan ng Region IX, matagal nang sumusubok pumasok ang iba't ibang anyo ng smuggling at border crimes. Subalit ngayong mas pinaigting pa ang ugnayan sa pagitan ng Bureau of Customs-Port of Zamboanga (BOC-POZ) at ng Philippine National Police Regional Office 9 (PNP PRO9), malinaw ang mensahe sa mga puslitero: walang puwang ang ilegal na kalakalan sa ating mga hangganan.

Ang panibagong pagsasama at koordinasyong ito ay mas lalong pinatibay noong Setyembre 7, 2026 sa ginanap na Flag Raising Ceremony at Awarding Program sa Camp Colonel Romeo A. Abendan sa Mercedes, Zamboanga City. Sa nasabing pagtitipon kung saan naging Guest of Honor and Speaker si District Collector Atty. Manuel Oliva Zurbito, Jr. ng BOC-POZ, muling ipinaalala ang direktiba ni Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno: ang proteksyon sa hangganan at ang laban sa smuggling ay hindi kayang gawin ng iisang ahensya lamang; ito ay nangangailangan ng buo, mabilis, at nagkakaisang tugon ng pamahalaan.

Hindi matatawaran ang papel ng kapulisan sa adhikaing ito. Tulad ng binigyang-diin ni Atty. Zurbito, ang PNP ay naging matatag at hindi mapapalitang katuwang ng BOC sa pagpapatupad ng mga batas laban sa smuggling sa lupain man o sa karagatan ng Zamboanga at Sulu. Sa pamamagitan ng pinagsamang lakas ng BOC at PNP PRO9 sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Police Brigadier General Elmer E. Ragay, mas pinalakas pa ang mga operasyon upang masugpo ang anumang tangka ng imoral at ilegal na pagpapasok ng mga kontrabando.

Ang tunay na nananalo sa ganitong uri ng inter-agency cooperation ay ang mismong mamamayan at ang pambansang ekonomiya. Kapag napoprotektahan ang ating mga hangganan mula sa mga ilicit goods, hindi lamang natin naitataguyod ang rule of law kundi naiiwasan din natin ang malaking lugi sa kaban ng bayan at napoprotektahan ang mga lokal na negosyo at komunidad sa buong Rehiyon IX.

Ang ginanap na pagkilala at pagbibigay-parangal sa mga katangi-tanging tauhan ng PRO9 sa nasabing programa ay patunay lamang na ang serbisyo sibil at pagpapatupad ng batas ay may karampatang dangal kapag ginawa nang buong husay. Sa patuloy na pag-akbay ng BOC at PNP, umaasa ang mamamayan ng Zamboanga at kalapit na lalawigan na mananatiling ligtas, maayos, at malayo sa mantsa ng smuggling ang kanilang mga baybayin at komunidad.

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Sa larangan ng pampublikong paglilingkod, hindi sapat na basta lamang maabot ang mga target na numero. Ang tunay na tagumpay ay nasusukat sa kung paano pinangangalagaan ang kaban ng bayan nang may katapatan at matinding proteksyon sa pambansang seguridad. Ito ang malinaw na mensaheng ibinida sa katatapos lamang na 13th Collectors' Conference sa Port of Clark, kung saan ipinagdiwang ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) sa ilalim ni Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno ang makasaysayang koleksyon na ₱664.776 bilyon mula Enero hanggang Agosto 2026—ang pinakamataas na naitala sa kasaysayan ng kawanihan para sa unang walong buwan ng taon.

Ngunit sa kabila ng pagsalpot ng karagdagang ₱5.467 bilyon sa target na itinakda ng Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC), nananatiling nakatuntong sa lupa ang pamunuan ng BOC. Paalala ni Commissioner Nepomuceno, ang makinang na tagumpay sa koleksyon ng buwis ay dapat laging may katambal na tapat na pamamahala (good governance), transparency, at masigasig na pagbabantay sa ating mga hangganan. Hindi natatapos ang tungkulin ng adwana sa paglikom ng pondo; kasabay nito ang pagtiyak na walang makalulusot na mga iligal na sigarilyo, mapanganib na gamot, produktong agrikultural, at iba pang kontrabando na sumisira sa lokal na merkado at sa kalusugan ng mamamayan. Patunay rito ang 858 seizure operations na nagkakahalaga ng humigit-kumulang ₱22.737 bilyon sa parehong panahon.

Ang magandang pagbabagong ito ay hindi bunga ng tsamba, kundi ng modernisasyon at disiplina sa iba't ibang collection districts sa buong bansa. Kapuri-puri ang ipinamalas ng Port of Clark sa pamumuno ni District Collector Jairus S. Reyes sa pagpapatupad ng "IAM BOC" agenda—mula sa digital queuing system na QueuRite hanggang sa pagpapabuti ng kapakanan ng mga kawani. Hindi rin maihihiwalay ang tagumpay ng iba pang adwana tulad ng Port of Manila, MICP, at NAIA sa pagbebenta ng mga kinuha at forfeited na luxury vehicles, ang mahigpit na huli laban sa droga at sigarilyo sa Surigao, Subic, at Clark, pati na rin ang pagpapadala ng libo-libong abandoned balikbayan boxes sa mga pamilya ng ating mga OFW sa pamamagitan ng Overseas Filipino Workers Affairs and Partnerships (OFWAP).

Sa pagpasok ng huling quarter ng taon, ang hamon sa buong kawanihan ay ang pagpapanatili ng ganitong uri ng kahusayan. Gaya ng binigyang-diin ni Collector Reyes, ang bawat pisong nakokolekta ng BOC ay nagpopondo sa mga mahalagang impraspraktura at programa ng pamahalaan. Kapag ang koleksyon ng buwis ay pinaandar ng modernisasyon, pagiging tapat, at walang-kompromisong pagbabantay sa hangganan, ang tunay na nakikinabang ay ang bawat Pilipino. Ang kasalukuyang direksyon ng Bureau of Customs ay isang patunay na kapag may malinaw na prayoridad at prinsipyo, ang tagumpay sa kaban ng bayan ay kasabay ng pag-angat ng tiwala ng publiko.

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Sa gitna ng mga hamon sa kalakalan at ekonomiya, muling pinatunayan ng Gitnang Visayas na ang pagkakaisa at disiplina sa pampublikong paglilingkod ay nagbubunga ng kapansin-pansing tagumpay. Isang maliwanag na patunay rito ang natanggap na pagkilala ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) Port of Cebu mula kay Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno matapos nitong matagumpay na lagpasan ang target sa koleksyon para sa buwan ng Agosto 2026.

Sa ginanap na Collectors' Conference noong Setyembre 17, 2026 sa Clark, Pampanga, pormal na tinanggap ni District Collector Atty. Zsae Carrie C. De Guzman ang parangal para sa Port of Cebu. Nakapagtala ang naturang adwana ng kabuuang koleksyon na ₱4.062 bilyon, na lumampas ng ₱86.86 milyon o 2.19% sa iniumang na buwanang target na ₱3.975 bilyon. Ang tagumpay na ito ay hindi lamang nag-iisang pagsisikap, kundi bunga ng kolektibong sipag at koordinasyon ng buong Port of Cebu kasama ang mga subport ng Mactan at Dumaguete, pati na rin ang Bohol Customs Office.

Tulad ng tamang punto ni Atty. De Guzman, ang tagumpay na ito ay higit pa sa simpleng paglampas sa mga numero sa papel. Ito ay pagpapatibay ng tungkulin ng adwana na magpatupad ng mabilis, tapat, at transparent na serbisyo na aligned sa pangkalahatang utos ng kawanihan. Kapag maayos at malinis ang sistema ng singilan ng buwis sa mga daungan, mas mabilis na naipapasok sa kaban ng bayan ang pondong kailangan para sa mga kalsada, paaralan, at serbisyong panlipunan ng bansa.

Ang ipinamalas ng Port of Cebu ay isang magandang ehemplo ng responsableng pamamahala sa rehiyon. Ipinapakita nito na kapag may malinaw na direksyon ang pamunuan at may buong dedikasyon ang mga kawani, ang mga target na inaasahan sa kanila ay hindi lamang naaabot kundi higit pa ang naibabalik sa mamamayan. Ang ganitong uri ng paglilingkod ang patuloy na nagpapatibay sa tiwala ng mga mangangalakal at ng buong sambayanan sa Bureau of Customs.

ARTA pushes digital government services to cut waiting time, red tape

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) is promoting digitalization of government services to reduce waiting time, simplify transactions, and make public services more accessible.

ARTA Southern Luzon Regional Head Dr. Karl Joseph Sanmocte said digital platforms help minimize unnecessary trips to government offices and allow clients to transact more conveniently.

"Malaking tulong 'yung digitalization. Mas bumibilis talaga 'yung ating transactions when we go digital," Sanmocte said during the Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program.

As part of the effort, local government units (LGUs) are required to establish an Electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) for online processing of business permits. Sanmocte said 16 LGUs across Southern Luzon are already fully automated, allowing clients to apply, pay, and receive permits online.

The 16 LGUs are Batangas City, Antipolo City, Carmona, Dasmariñas, Legazpi City, Biñan City, Calamba City, Bacoor, Baras, Ibaan, Taal, Santa Teresita, Santa Rosa City, Imus City, General Trias City, and Taytay.

"You apply online, you pay online and you get your permit online. That is the gold standard," Sanmocte said, noting that other LGUs continue to transition toward fully automated systems.

Sanmocte also reminded the public to check the Citizen's Charter, which lists the requirements, fees, procedures, and processing time for each government service. Under Republic Act No. 11032, the maximum processing time is three working days for simple transactions, seven for complex, and 20 for highly technical transactions.

He urged clients to report unreasonable delays, additional requirements not stated in the Citizen's Charter, and other service-related concerns to ARTA through the eGovPH app or hotline 12782.

ARTA continues to assist government offices and LGUs in improving their systems toward faster, simpler, and more accessible public services. ***(CCM – PIA CALABARZON)***



DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE DANILO ILANO BAUTISTA

Notice is hereby given to the public that the late **DANILO ILANO BAUTISTA,** who died on October 6, 2025 at Los Angeles, California, USA, died intestate without leaving any last will and testament, left a share in a parcel of land located at **Brgy. Poblacion, Imus City, Cavite,** covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2011002359,** containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN (1,214) SQUARE METERS, more or less,** which was extra-judicially settled and adjudicated among his surviving heirs, **LUDIVINIA SANTARIN BAUTISTA,** of legal age and a resident of 15529 Claretta Avenue, Norwalk, California 90650; **DANIEL SANTARIN BAUTISTA,** of legal age and a resident of 15529 Claretta Avenue, Norwalk, California 90650; and DESIREE BAUTISTA WU, of legal age and a resident of 3338 Bryan Avenue, Simi Valley, California 90650, represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, **JESSICA SANTARIN ALIX,** of legal age and a resident of **827 Sta. Rosa 1, Noveleta, Cavite,** Philippines, by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney, executed before Notary Public **ATTY. KATHERINE N. CORPUZ,** as entered in Doc. No. 611; Page No. 19; Book No. II; Series of 2026.

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SM Group's Operation Tulong Express Brings Relief to 5,600 Families Affected by Habagat



Volunteers organize Kalinga Packs ahead of distribution under Operation Tulong Express, SM Foundation's disaster response program conducted in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).



An elderly resident receives a Kalinga Pack during the relief distribution in the Municipality of Mexico, Pampanga. Older residents were among the hardest hit by the weeks-long flooding, often the least able to evacuate quickly or to rebuild once the water finally receded.

SM Foundation's Operation Tulong Express (OPTE) reached about 5,600 families across Pampanga and Dagupan City, distributing Kalinga Packs to communities still recovering from weeks of flooding brought on by the Southwest Monsoon (Habagat).

The relief operations followed state of calamity declarations as enhanced Habagat rains submerged communities in both areas for weeks.

This September, OPTE, activated through SM City Pampanga and SM City San Fernando Downtown, distributed approximately 4,700 Kalinga Packs to families in the City of San Fernando and the Municipality of Mexico, Pampanga.

San Fernando and Mexico were among the province's hardest-hit areas, with severe flooding reported in several communities. The relief operations were conducted in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Meanwhile, SM Center Dagupan launched its OPTE last August in Brgy. Mamalingling, distributing Kalinga Packs to 600 families.

A month later, the program resumed at Barangay Herrero-Perez, Dagupan City, providing packs to another 300 families still recovering from floods that triggered a state of calamity weeks earlier.

Since its activation, OPTE has served as the SM Group's frontline disaster response, with SM Foundation, SM Supermalls, and SM Markets working together to provide assistance to affected communities across the country.



SM Foundation volunteers distribute Kalinga Packs to families in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, part of the 300 families reached during the September 19 relief operation.



An SM Foundation volunteer wades through floodwaters to deliver a Kalinga Pack to a family whose community remains submerged weeks after the Habagat floods. This effort is part of OPTE, SM Foundation's disaster response initiative dedicated to providing immediate assistance to communities in need.





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IKA-66 NA TAONG ANIBERSARYO NG BOC-NAIA PINURI ANG NATATANGING PAGANAP-BOC COM NEPOMUCENO



Mga katoto sadyang kapuri-puri ang mga ipinamalas na tagumpay ng revenue collection ng BoC-NAIA simula ng maitalaga ang ating butihing Customs District Collector Atty.Ma.Yasmin M. Obillos-Mapa, kung saan aminado naman ito na malaking tulong ang pagpupunyagi ng mga naitinalaga nitong Deputy Collector for Operation Wilnora Cawili, Deputy Collector for Assestment Dan Oquias, Deputy Collector for Administration Atty. Harold Agama, at Special Deputy Collector Dr. Seigfred "YEYE" Manaois ng Paircargo kabilang na lahat mga tauhan nito na nagkakaisang sumosuporta na taglay ang dakilang layuning magkaisang maitaas ang revenue collection ng BOC-NAIA, CONGRATULATIONS AT MABUHAY KAYO MGA KATOTO!!!

Pinuri ni Bureau of Customs (BOC) Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno ang Collection District III – Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) dahil sa natatanging pagganap nito sa pangongolekta ng kita, pagbabantay sa hangganan (border protection), pagpapadali ng kalakalan, at serbisyo publiko, kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Port sa ika-66 na anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag nito.

Idinaos kamakailan ang pagdiriwang may temang "IAM 66: Built on Integrity, Driven by Accountability, Powered by Modernization," na sumasalamin sa Integrity, Accountability, and Modernization (IAM) Movement ng ahensya.

"Natutuwa kami sa inyo, masaya kami lagi sa pamumuno ni Collector Yasmin Mapa dahil sa kanyang matatag na pamumuno. Nagagawa ninyong magpakita ng natatanging pagganap hindi lamang sa aspeto ng koleksyon, kundi higit sa lahat, sa mabuting pamamahala at sa samahan o *camaraderie* na lagi kong nakikita sa inyong grupo," pahayag ni Commissioner Nepomuceno.

Sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni District Collector Atty. Maria Yasmin M. Obillos-Mapa, nakapagtala ang BOC-NAIA ng koleksyong nagkakahalaga ng ₱32.53 bilyon mula Enero hanggang Agosto 2026. Nalampasan nito ang target nang 7.88 porsyento o ₱2.38 bilyon, at nagtala ng 14.11 porsyentong paglago sa koleksyon—ang pinakamataas na naitala simula noong 2023.

Nagtala rin ang Port ng 1,266 na operasyon ng paghuli o *apprehension* na may tinatayang halagang ₱1.64 bilyon; katuwang ang mga ahensyang nagpapatupad ng batas, napigilan din nito ang pagpasok sa mga komunidad ng mga ilegal na droga na nagkakahalaga ng mahigit ₱1.57 bilyon.

Kaugnay ng mga tagumpay na ito, kinilala ni District Collector Obillos-Mapa ang mga kawani ng BOC-NAIA dahil sa kanilang kontribusyon sa patuloy na pag-unlad at serbisyo publiko ng Port.

"At para sa mga taong nasa likod ng bawat tagumpay na aking ibinahagi sa inyo ngayon—ang mga kawani ng Port of NAIA—hindi magiging posible ang mga ito kung wala ang inyong pagsisikap, dedikasyon, at kahandaang humigit pa sa inaasahan sa inyo," pahayag ni District Collector Obillos-Mapa. Ang BOC-NAIA ay higit pang sumulong sa modernisasyon at mga serbisyo ng pasahero sa pamamagitan ng ISO re-certification nito, Electronic Airway Bill System, nakatuong OFW initiatives, at Secondary Inspection Areas. Sa pagdiriwang, kinilala ng BOC-NAIA ang mga pangunahing katuwang at stakeholder nito para sa kanilang patuloy na suporta at kontribusyon sa Port.

"Ngunit ang tagumpay na ito ay hindi lamang sa amin. Sa aming mga nangungunang importer, nangungunang tagahanap, nangungunang customs broker, at aming Warehouse Operators, ipinaaabot namin ang aming pinakamalalim na pagpapahalaga sa inyong napakahalagang kontribusyon at sa pagtugon sa aming mga kahilingan para sa suporta habang epektibo naming isinasagawa ang aming mandato sa pagkolekta ng kita," dagdag pa ni Collector Mapa.

Sa pagkilala sa sama-samang pagsisikap sa likod ng mga tagumpay na ito, nanawagan si Commissioner Nepomuceno sa BOC-NAIA na ipagpatuloy ang kanilang pagganap at patuloy na mag-ambag sa serbisyo ng Bureau sa bansa.

"Ipagpatuloy niyo lang 'yan dahil kailangan ko ang tulong ninyo, kailangan ng bansa ang tulong ninyo. Ang maganda ninyong performance ay malayo ang nararating para sa ating mga kababayan. Pagbutihin pa ninyo para tuloy-tuloy ang ating kasiyahan at tagumpay bilang isang pamilya ng Bureau of Customs," Commissioner Nepomuceno said.

Sa pagpasok ng BOC-NAIA sa kanyang ika-67 taon, nananatili itong nakatuon sa pagpapanatili ng kanyang mga nagawa at pagsusulong ng integridad, pananagutan, at modernisasyon sa paghahatid ng tumutugon at maaasahang serbisyo ng Customs.

GREETINGS: Special greetings and sincere gratitude to the President and CEO, Mr. Joseph "buddy"Madrigal and Chairman, Mr. Jefferson Cheng and also thanks to Special Assistant to the Chairman, Ms. Shirley Reniedo for your continued support kindness, thank you very much! God bless u more!!!

Hi katotong DR. SIEGFRED "YEYE" L MANAOIS, isang taong tunay na may malasakit at sadyang ipinamalas ang sakripisyo bilang lingkod bayan, kung saan sadyang kapuripuri ang ipanamalas na sakripisyo sa pagpanik ng pagtaas ng koleksyon simula ng maitalaga ito sa bodega ng PAIRCARGO sa Bureau of Customs(BOC) sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport, ang walang kupas na hinahangaan ng lahat sa taglay nitong kabaitan at pakikisama, walang mataas at mababa, lahat ay pantay-pantay ang kanyang pagtingin na alalaumbagay taglay ang dakilang hangaring maitaas ang koleksyon ng Kagawaran. Kung kayat 'sang damukal ang mga nakamit na parangal partikular sa ibat-ibang bansa tulad ng U.S. Embassy, Russian Embassy, China, at iba pa, ganyan katindi mga katoto ang tinutukoy kong tao si katotong DR. SIEGFRED "YEYE" MANAOIS SPL DEPUTY COLLECTOR PAIRCARGO ASSESSMENT COMPOSITE DIVISION BOC NAIA, kung saan nagtatrabaho ng 24/7 umulan at bumagyo, gabi na kung umuwi sa pagalalang makatulong sa mga taong nais makapaglabas ng kargamento upang mkadagdag sa pagtaas ng revenue collection. Mabuhay ka katotong DR. YEYE!!! GOD bless u more katoto!!!!

Hi to Deputy Collector for Assesstment DAN OQUIAS of Bureau of Customs (BOC) Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) sa kabila ng isang suma kumlaude nagtapos sa San Sebastian College ay nagtiis



Isang makabuluhang mensahe at pasasalamat ni Customs District Collector Atty. Ma. Yasmin M. Obillos-Mapa sa mga suporta ng mga kawani nito at lagging tanggumpay na nakamit ng BOC-NAIA ang target revenue collections sa naganap na ika-66 na Taong Anibersaryo ng Bureau of Customs(BOC) Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) sa Pasay City. Pasky Natividad

parin ng ilang taon kawani ng BOC bilang casual employee kung saan nagtiis at nagpunyagi paring nagsumikap hanggang nabigyan ng brake gawa ng kakayanang magsumite ng maayos na report sa bawat tanggapan kinapapalooban hanggang sa unti-unting tumaas ang pusisyon nito sa sariling sikap at kakayanang na hindi lumapit kaninuman.

Batid niyo ba mga katoto na pitong bodega sa BOC NAIA ang nasa ilalim ng pinamumnuan nito, kung saan ang lahat ng stake holder dito ay si katotong Dan ang halos nagmamarket na alalaumbagay taglay ang dakilang layuning maitaas ang antas ng koleksyon ng Kagawaran para sa bayan.

Palibhasa'y mabait at mapagpakumbaba walang makitang yabang at matulungin sa kapuwa kung kayat respektado ng marami at hinahangaan sa angking talinong taglay, bilang patunay mga katoto si katotong Dan ay umani na rin ng ibat ibang parangal bunga ng kakayanan nito sa bawat deprtamento nitong pinanggalingan. Mabuhay ka katotong DAN! God bless u more katoto!!!

CONGRATULATIONS & MABUHAY SECTION 7 BOC-MICP for the job well done!!! mga katoto muli na namang pinahanga ng mga matitikas na tropa ng MAGNIFICENT 7 na mahigitan ang revenue tartget collection nitong buwan ng SETYEMBRE 2026, kung saan ang monthly target P726,550,953 pero ang aktwal koleksyon ay umabot ng P788,563,135 kaya ang naging surplus ay nasa P62, 012, 182.00(8.54%) dapat pa bang imemorize yan mga katoto!!!

Ito ay bunga ng nagkaisang malasakit at pagpupynyagi ng kanilang mga Section Chief APPRAISERS: RENZZO MARIE D. BALIAO, JONATHAN T, REYES, IVY JOY O. NITURA, AT KRYSTLE JANE D. AMEROL. Siyempre aminado naman ang kanilang Appraisers sa mga matitikas na suporta nitong mga Examiner tulad nila Justin John Espineli, Amer Massief Di Rampaten, Aslina Macalipot-Musor, Greg Serrano,Carlo Almonte, at Reginald Belleza kabilang na si Clerk John Yumang at support Staff biyuting Cynthia Banal.

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Hi to MHD Dr. Creselda Coroza- Head District 1 Offcer, District 1 Manila, God bless u more katoto!!! Hi to D' FRADA EMPLOYMENT AGENCY General Manager byuting Ms. Dolor dela Cruz, HRM Head sexy Joanna Ocat & all STAFFS. God bless u more mga katoto!!!

DOH urges tighter disease prevention amid leptospirosis, dengue surge in CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)– The Department of Health (DOH) is pushing for tighter disease prevention and response measures following a spike in water-borne, food-borne, and influenza-like diseases across the CALABARZON region.

Dr. Eva Marie Torio of DOH Center for Health Development in CALABARZON, in a meeting with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) last September 23, warned that the wet condition during rainy seasons facilitate the widespread transmission of diseases such as leptospirosis, influenza, and dengue.

"All of these diseases usually re-emerge and have an increasing number of cases after the typhoon season…Our recommendation is to strengthen the cholera prevention response efforts in the affected communities, particularly in Cavite and Laguna by promoting safe drinking water, sanitation, and good hygiene practices."

Torio also raised particular concern over the increasing number of leptospirosis cases, which has reached 925 cases–up by 17 percent from 792 cases in 2025.

"Even if media coverage are focused in NCR, here in CALABARZON there is a significant 17 percent increase in the total number of leptosipirosis cases including 55 deaths, and we still have a lot of expected typhoons."
In its data, the DOH CALABARZON cited flood-related exposure as the leading cause of leptospirosis infection which composes 72 percent or 666 reported cases in the region.

In addition to leptospirosis, the region is also seeing a rise in dengue cases with 5,404 confirmed cases and cholera with five (5) cases.

With the El Niño phenomenon causing longer dry periods and above normal rainfall likely to be expected in December, the health department's Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases (EREID) program has also launched a series of planning workshops as part of its



preparations for the monsoon season later in the year. ***(PB-PIA CALABARZON)***

BREAD AND HOPE: HOW BULACAN STANDS WITH ITS OWN



KATROPA N'YO

Vic Billones III

Across the towns and barangays of Bulacan, something simple yet deeply meaningful is happening: people are receiving what every family deserves — food on the table, dignity in their home, and the certainty that they are not forgotten.

Under the leadership of Governor Daniel R. Fernando and Vice Governor Alex Castro, the Provincial Government of Bulacan continues to go directly to the people — town by town, community by community — bringing sacks of rice and nutritious canned goods to thousands of Bulakenyos. Wherever they go, families speak with gratitude: "We are blessed. We have rice to cook, we have food to share, and we know someone is looking out for us."

This is more than relief — it is a reminder of what governance at its best truly means. In times when many face hardship, rising costs, and uncertainty, these distributions fill an immediate need — but they also do something greater: they restore hope. When a family has rice and a meal ready, they have strength to face tomorrow. When leaders show up personally, walking the same roads, meeting the same people, they build trust that no distance or difficulty can break.

Yet we also know this is the beginning, not the end. Giving food sustains the day — but building livelihood sustains a lifetime. The true answer to poverty lies not only in sharing what we have today, but in creating opportunities for every Bulakenyo to earn, to grow, and to provide for their own families with pride. We must move hand in hand — immediate care for those in need now, and long-term work so that one day, no one in our province will depend on aid alone.

Governor Fernando, Vice Governor Castro, and all who serve our province have set a noble example: to see the people, to serve with hands and heart, and to remember that every citizen matters. May this kindness grow into progress — where the rice given today becomes the foundation of work, opportunity, and prosperity for all Bulakenyos in the years ahead. We do not ask only for enough to eat today — we work toward a Bulacan where every family has enough to thrive tomorrow.

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NAIS KONTROLIN NG TSINA ANG KARAGATAN NG PILIPINAS?

Defense Secretary Gilberto "Gibo" Teodoro Jr. has stated clearly: "Hindi lang West Philippine Sea ang target ng China — kundi kontrol sa buong Karagatang Pasipiko." It is not merely our waters that are at stake. What we face is the rise of a Sinocentric world order — a system where one nation would dictate terms across an ever-widening expanse, backed by growing military power. China continues to assert control over illegally acquired territory in the South China Sea, claiming nearly 90 percent of those waters through the Nine-Dash Line — a claim with no basis in international law, confirmed by the 2016 Arbitral Ruling. What began as a stated peaceful purpose at Mischief Reef has become a fortified military outpost. Scarborough Shoal remains closed to our fishermen. These are not isolated incidents. They are part of a broader pattern of expansion.

We must be clear: we welcome friendship with the people of China. But we cannot accept policies that seize what is not ours. And we cannot rely solely on others to defend what is ours. The United States, Japan, Australia, and other allies stand with us — and their support is valuable. But true security begins at home. We must build our own strength — not to make war, but to defend peace with dignity.

This means discipline across our nation: a modern, well-equipped Coast Guard and Navy capable of sustained presence in our waters; transparent, honest use of every peso allocated for defense; and a public fully informed of what is at stake. It means unity — not faction, not blame, but shared resolve. It means strengthening ties with ASEAN nations facing the same challenges, so our voice is multiplied, not divided. It means wise economic choices: supporting local industry, diversifying trade, and gradually reducing over-dependence on any single nation.

We do not seek conflict. But neither can we afford complacency. If we do not act now, bold actions may become established facts. The world will not defend our rights more passionately than we do ourselves. Let us stand — not with anger, but with discipline; not with arrogance, but with unshakable pride in our sovereignty. Our seas, our future, our nation — these are worth every effort.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR SA HEROIC MARKER NI 2LT DENNIS AVILA, ISINAGAWA SA CAPAS

CAPAS, TARLAC (September 28, 2026) – Isinagawa ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Capas, katuwang ang 3rd Mechanized Infantry (MAKATARUNGAN) Battalion, Armor Division, Philippine Army, ang isang Educational Tour sa Heroic Marker ng yumaong 2LT Dennis G. Avila, Noong September 25, 2026 isang lokal na bayani ng Capas, Tarlac.

Lumahok sa aktibidad ang mga miyembro ng People's Organizations at Youth for Peace Chapters bilang bahagi ng pagbibigay-pugay sa buhay, paglilingkod, at sakripisyo ni 2LT Avila para sa bansa.

Kinatawan ng Pamahalaang Bayan si Ms. Marie Mason, Executive Officer for Internal Affairs ng LGU Capas, na malugod na tinanggap ang mga kalahok at binigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng pagpapanatili at pagpapasa sa susunod na henerasyon ng mga kuwento ng mga lokal na bayaning nag-alay ng kanilang buhay para sa bayan.

Ayon kay Mason, mahalagang maipakilala sa mga kabataan ang kuwento ni 2LT Avila bilang isang anak ng Capas na nagpakita ng tapang, pagmamahal sa bayan, at walang pag-iimbot na paglilingkod.

Naging pagkakataon din ang Educational Tour para sa mga kabataan at miyembro ng People's Organizations na balikan at pagnilayan ang mga sakripisyo ng mga naunang henerasyon, habang pinatitibay ang kanilang pagpapahalaga sa pagiging makabayan, pananagutang pansibiko, kapayapaan, at pakikilahok sa pagpapaunlad ng bansa.

Sa pamamagitan ng naturang pagtutulungan ng LGU Capas at Philippine Army, patuloy na naipapasa sa kasalukuyan at susunod na henerasyon ang alaala at pamana ni 2LT Avila, gayundin ang mga pagpapahalaga sa paglilingkod, pagiging makabayan, at pagmamahal sa bayan. #factsandfigures





After 25-year wait, Bacooreño families become homeowners under Expanded 4PH

BACOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — After 25 years of waiting, residents of Salinas Bacoor, Inc. and Salinasville Phase II can finally call their government housing a home after receiving their Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT).

Last September 10, the Department of Human Settlements and Development (DHSUD) and Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) led the distribution of TCTs to more than 200 individuals, as part of the government's bid to give informal settler families a permanent home.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling and SHFC President Federico Laxa awarded the certificates to the families of Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association. The program, which was part of the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program (ECMP) under the Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pamilang Pilipino (4PH) Program, aimed to help families secure ownership over their homes.

Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla of Cavite's Second District, highlighted Bacoor City's housing challenges which was caused by relocation projects. Through the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program, the lawmaker underscored the government's commitment to provide decent and secure homes for every family.

"Isang malaking suliranin sa lungsod ng Bacoor ang relokasyon at resettlement. How can we resettle and relocate if we do not have enough houses to build, at kung walang sapat na pondo and DHSUD?"

The lawmaker and thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., whose flagship housing program paved the way for more Filipinos to claim ownership over their homes.

"Itong araw na ito ay patunay na matibay ang Samahan ng pabahay at ng local govenrment unit ng lungsod ng Bacoor, and the national government sa tulong ng ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos."

The awarding of the TCTs marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Bayanihan Homeowners' Association Salinas after 25 years. For President Ruelito Garcia, they can finally call their houses their own.



"Ito 'yung bunga nung pinaghirapan namin ng 25 years., at ipinagkaloob na ito sa amin. Dumaan tayo sa mga pagsubok, bilang homeowners association tulad ng mga monthly dues." Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association are among the 47 approved ECMP project since the program was revived and expanded under the Expanded 4PH.

To date, the DHSUD has estimated 8,000 member-beneficiaries since the project's 2025 expansion. ***(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, City Government of Bacoor)***

A Quiet Escape Above Pantabangan Lake

At NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel, visitors discover a quieter side of Nueva Ecija, framed by mountains, water and the history of Pantabangan.

There is a point on the road to Pantabangan when Nueva Ecija begins to look different.

The familiar agricultural landscape gradually gives way to winding roads, wooded hills and glimpses of water between the mountains. The change in scenery is a reminder that there is another side of the province waiting beyond its rice fields and busy highways.

Set in Barangay Fatima, Pantabangan, NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offers visitors a place to experience that quieter landscape.

Surrounded by the scenery of the Pantabangan Dam and reservoir, the hotel is suited to travelers who would rather slow down than fill every hour of a weekend with activities. Sometimes, after all, the view is enough.

A Place With a Story

The property itself has a history. Formerly known as the Pantabangan Guesthouse, it eventually returned to the management of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA). After undergoing major renovations, it was formally inaugurated as NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel in 2019.

Its location connects the hotel closely with the story of Pantabangan. The nearby dam and reservoir are not simply tourist attractions. They form part of a water-resource system that supports irrigation and power generation in the region.

Over time, the vast reservoir and surrounding mountains have also created a landscape that attracts visitors looking for nature, open spaces and a break from city life. The hotel provides a base from which to experience it.

Letting the Landscape Lead

NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offers accommodations and amenities that include a swimming pool, restaurant and spaces for families and groups. But its greatest attraction is something that cannot be added through renovation: its surroundings.

Mornings can begin quietly, with the mountains and water in the distance. An afternoon can be spent swimming, resting or exploring the roads around Pantabangan. Toward evening, the changing light over the hills provides its own entertainment.

For families, the resort offers room to spend time together. Groups can use the property for gatherings and events, while couples and individual travelers can simply enjoy a change of scenery. The experience can be as active or as unhurried as visitors want it to be.

Discovering Another Nueva Ecija

For travelers who know Nueva Ecija mainly for its agricultural communities, Pantabangan can come as a pleasant surprise. Mountains surround stretches of water. Roads climb through greener countryside, and viewpoints reveal scenes far removed from the flat landscapes usually associated with the province.

A stay at the resort can be paired with a visit to the Pantabangan Dam area and a leisurely drive around the reservoir. The trip does not need an elaborate itinerary. Stop when the scenery catches your attention. Take photographs. Find somewhere to eat. Spend some time looking across the water before continuing down the road.



The scenic surroundings of NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offer visitors a different view of Nueva Ecija beyond its familiar agricultural landscapes. Photo: Ms. Flordalie Pagente of JRMP II, via Tripadvisor.

Pantabangan is better appreciated without watching the clock too closely.

A Reason to Slow Down

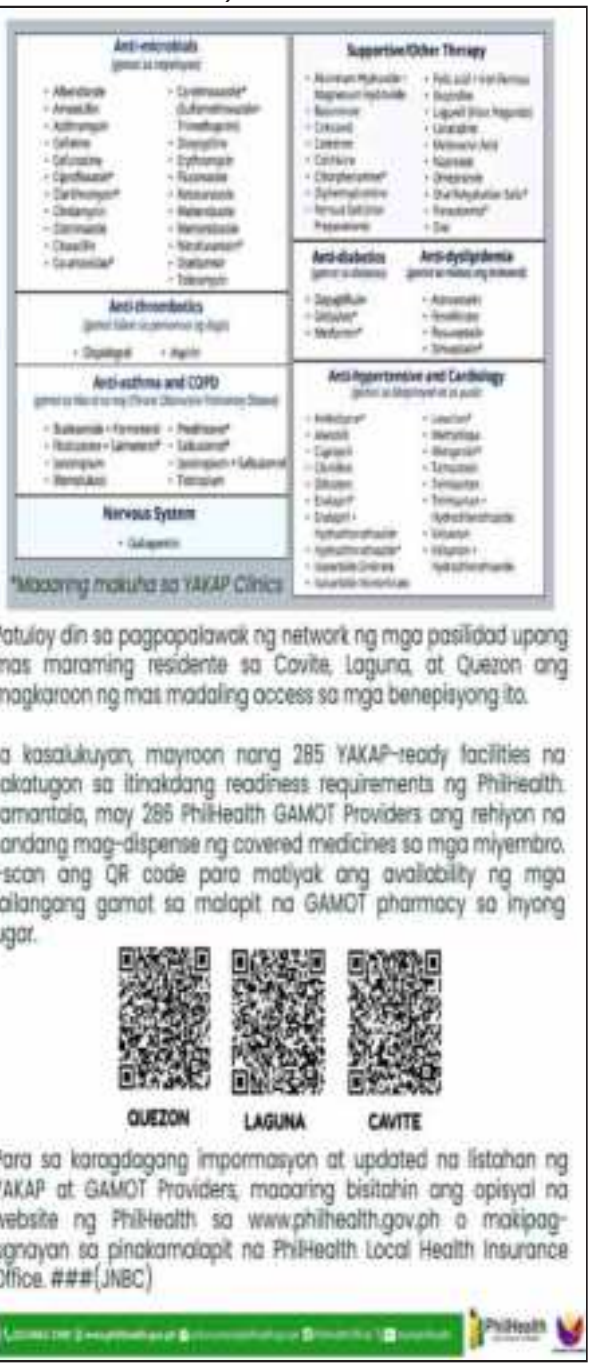
Perhaps that is what makes NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel appealing. Its character comes from its location and the slower rhythm that naturally follows.

Wake up surrounded by mountains. Have breakfast without hurrying. Spend the afternoon with family or friends. Watch the light change across the landscape as another day ends.

For travelers searching for somewhere different without leaving Central Luzon, Pantabangan offers an opportunity to see a less familiar side of Nueva Ecija. Sometimes a memorable trip simply requires finding the right place to stop.

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For current room rates, reservations and visitor information, contact the resort directly or visit its official Facebook page.



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FORGING TRANSPARENT DIALOGUE: Bureau of Customs – Manila International Container Port (BOC-MICP) District Collector Atty. Felipe Geoffrey K. De Vera IV addresses stakeholders during the 2nd Local Customs Industry Consultative and Advisory Council (CICAC) Meeting for 2026 at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Hall, MICP Building on Sept. 16, 2026. Carrying out trade facilitation efforts under Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go and Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, the event featured detailed process presentations by Atty. Melvin Joseph L. Banzon (AMO), Anna Liza Senen (ACDD), Aris Chris Cascalla (XIP), Maribel Mendoza (CIIS), and LGICT General Manager Carmela Rodriguez. During the assembly, the council formally inducted five new member organizations: Asia Cargo Container Line, Inc. (ACCLI), MBT International Freight Forwarder, Inc., Muji Philippines Corporation, Bricolage Phils., and Aduana Business Club Inc. (ABCI). (BELOW PHOTO) STRENGTHENING BORDER SECURITY: Bureau of Customs – Port of Zamboanga (BOC-POZ) District Collector Atty. Manuel Oliva Zurbito, Jr. serves as the Guest of Honor and Speaker alongside Police Regional Office 9 (PNP PRO9) Regional Director Police Brigadier General Elmer E. Ragay during the Flag Raising Ceremony and Awarding Program held at Camp Colonel Romeo A. Abendan in Mercedes, Zamboanga City recently. Aligning with the directive of Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno to foster inter-agency collaboration, the engagement highlighted the strengthened partnership between the BOC and PNP PRO9 in joint maritime and land-based anti-smuggling operations across the Zamboanga Peninsula and Sulu, while recognizing deserving police personnel for their exemplary service in protecting local communities.



Ang inyong abang lingkod ay nakiisa sa isinagawang programa ng ating Boy Scouts of the Philippines para sa opisyal na pagbubukas ng Scouting Month 2026 kahapon sa Ayala Malls Manila Bay. Isang malaking karangalan ang maging bahagi ng pagdiriwang na ito, kung saan atin pong binibigyan ng pugay ang mahalagang kontribusyon ng BSP. Sa loob ng siyam na dekada, tinuturuan niyo ang bawat kabataang Pilipino na maging handa, magkaroon ng malasakit sa kapwa, at mahalin ang ating bayan. At higit sa lahat, hinuhubog niyo sila para maging future leader na magtataguyod ng mas maliwanag na kinabukasan para sa ating lungsod at bansa. Saludo po ang lokal na Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Parañaque sa inyo. Mabuhay ang ating Boy Scouts of the Philippines! *#SaDiyosSaTaoSerbisyongTotoo #sErbisyoLangpO #bagongparanaque*



Tourism Cares for Children: 27 September 2026 Sa pamamagitan ng ating Tourism Cares program, nagsama-sama ang Office of the City Tourism Officer at ang ating tourism stakeholders upang maghatid ng malasakit, pagbabahagi, at serbisyo sa ating komunidad. Ginanap sa Sa Forest Park ang Tourism Cares for Children, sa pamamagitan ng ating mga stakeholders and partners, nakapaghatid po tayo ng mga regalo at mainit na pagkain para sa mga kabataan ng Barangay Luciano. Sa ganitong paraan, ipinapakita natin na ang turismo ay hindi lamang tungkol sa mga destinasyon. Ito ay tungkol sa mga taong ating naaabot, mga komunidad na ating napaglilingkuran, at kabutihang ating naiiwan



