

Cavite Scholars gather in a night of music, unity and celebration under Iskolar ng Lalawigan Program



ISKOLAR NG LALAWIGAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 5, 2025 | CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS, INDANG CAVITE

MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN

The Caviteño youth lit up the CvSU Main Campus in Indang on December 5, as thousands of scholars came together for the Iskolar ng Lalawigan ng Cavite Music Festival – a vibrant celebration of talent, youth empowerment, and the Provincial Government of Cavite's unwavering support to education.

From the moment the gates opened, the venue pulsed with excitement.

Students filled the grounds with cheers, laughter, and shared anticipation as they

proudly gathered as beneficiaries of the Iskolar ng Lalawigan Program. **► CAVITE • 5**

IMUS: Proud Home of Global Robotics Champions

Imus, Cavite — The City Government of Imus beams with pride as it celebrates the outstanding performance of young Imuseño innovators who brought home multiple awards from the World Robot Games (WRG) 2025, held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 26 to 29.



Representing the Philippine Robotics Team, the De La Salle Zobel (DLSZ) Vermosa – Robotics Elite Team showcased world-class talent and ingenuity, proving once again that Imus is a cradle of excellence in science,

technology, and innovation.

Among the most decorated delegates were:

- Ivarika Ynafleure Remulla Lapuz of Jesus Good Shepherd School (Batch 2021), Barangay Bayan Luma 1:

- Silver – Soccer Robots 4x4

- Bronze – Ibeam Senior Line Tracing

- Bronze – Beam Battle Senior

- Copper – Programmable Line Tracing Senior

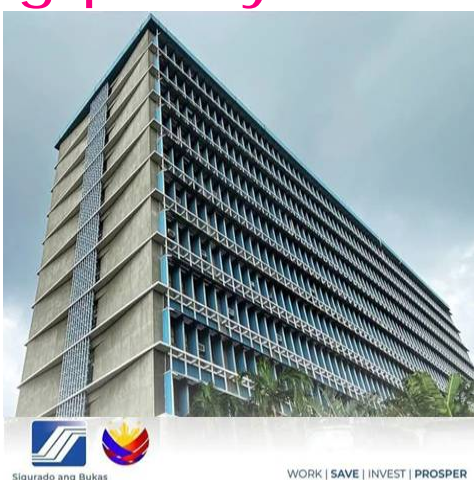
- Arwen Kayleb Yraola

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Nagpalabas ng P18.8 bilyon sa ika-13 buwang pensyon para sa 3.7 milyong pensyonado

Lungsod Quezon, Pilipinas, 9 Disyembre 2025, Alinsunod sa utos ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. at binigyang-diin ni Kalihim ng Pananalapi Frederick D. Go kasama ang Komisyon sa Kapanatagang Panlipunan, matagumpay na naipasok ng Social Security System (SSS) ang taunang cash gift para sa mga pensyonado, ang ika-13 buwang pensyon, sa dalawang lote noong unang linggo ng Disyembre 2025, tiyak na nagbibigay ng karagdagang tulong pinansyal sa panahon ng kapaskuhan.

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2025 Gawad Galing GenTri Service Awards: "Haligi ng Karunungan, Husay, at Dangal"



GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE — In a stirring tribute to the unwavering dedication of the city's educators, the City Government of General Trias honored 230 outstanding teachers during the 2025 Gawad Galing GenTri Service Awards held under the theme "Haligi ng Karunungan, Husay, at Dangal."

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Breaking Barriers Beyond Graduation: Rep. Ping Remulla's Push to Waive Licensure Exam Fees for Indigent Graduates

In a country where education is often hailed as the great equalizer, the journey from classroom to career remains riddled with financial hurdles—especially for students from low-income families. While the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931) has opened doors to free college education, a critical gap remains: the cost of professional licensure exams.

Recognizing this, Cavite 7th District Representative Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla is championing a bold and compassionate legislative measure that seeks to waive licensure and certification exam fees for indigent graduates. His proposal **► BREAKING • 4**



500 GenTriseño College Students Receive 1st Semester Educational Assistance

In a powerful show of commitment to youth empowerment and inclusive education, the City Government of General Trias has successfully distributed the 1st semester Educational Assistance to 500 GenTriseño college students under the newest batch of city scholars.

This initiative, a cornerstone of the city's ongoing efforts to uplift the lives of its youth, reflects the administration's unwavering dedication to ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial constraints.

The scholarship program, spearheaded by the dynamic leadership of Mayor Jon-Jon Ferrer IV, continues to open doors of opportunity for aspiring GenTriseño scholars. The Mayor also emphasized

the importance of education in building a brighter future for the city's youth:

"Ang edukasyon ang susi sa tagumpay. Sa bawat kabataang natutulungan natin, isang pamilya ang umaangat, at isang komunidad ang lumalakas. Patuloy tayong magtutulongan para sa mas maliwanag na bukas ng General Trias."

The educational assistance covers a portion of tuition and



school-related expenses, easing the burden on families and allowing students to focus on their academic goals.

Many of the beneficiaries come from underserved communities,

and this support serves as a vital lifeline in their pursuit of higher education.

The city's scholarship program aligns with the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) on Quality

Education, reinforcing General Trias' role as a model for inclusive and accessible learning in the province of Cavite.

As the city continues to grow, so does its investment in human

capital. With the leadership of Mayor Jonjon Ferrer and the support of the local government, General Trias is proving that when a community rallies behind its youth, the possibilities are limitless.

Capacity Development Program Empowers CSOs for Strengthened Local School Boards

The Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), headed by Engr. EnP. Lorna R. Leyran, successfully spearheaded the Capacity Development Program for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Local School Boards on December 3, 2025, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. The initiative was conducted in close collaboration with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), bringing together CSO representatives to enhance their awareness and understanding of their role and function in the Local Development Council.

The learning session featured six comprehensive modules designed to deepen participants' understanding



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of the local education landscape and strengthen their roles within the Local School Board (LSB).

LGOO II Amiel D. dela Rosa opened the sessions with the topic "Education as an Empowerer: The State of Education in the Philippines," providing a nationwide overview of challenges and opportunities in the education sector. He also discussed "Learning from the Best: The Valenzuela City LScB," showcasing model practices and innovative strategies that have significantly improved

local education outcomes.

LGOO III Beverly V. Villaruel presented "Local School Boards as Catalysts of Education in the Philippines," emphasizing how LSBs serve as vital platforms for collaboration and decision-making that directly impact learners and communities.

A deeper look into participatory governance was delivered by LGOO II Amiel D. dela Rosa through the module "The Role of CSOs in the LScB," highlighting the importance of CSO involvement in ensuring

transparency, accountability, and shared leadership in education programs.

Financial management for education was tackled by LGOO VI Marren E. Juangco-Bautista with the session "The Finance of Education and the SEF Budget," equipping participants with essential knowledge on budget allocation, utilization, and the Special Education Fund.

The program concluded with an action planning session facilitated by LGOO III

Niña Norisa C. Maranga, enabling CSO representatives to craft strategies and initiatives that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Local School Boards in their respective areas.

Through this capacity development program, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to champion inclusive and participatory education governance empowering CSOs to play an active role in shaping a brighter future for learners across the province. **(OPIO)**

4th Quarter CTEC meeting highlights collaboration for expanded skills training in Cavite



4TH QTR. CTEC MEETING

27 NOVEMBER 2025 | NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority – Cavite in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) successfully convened the 4th Quarter Community Training and Employment Coordinators (CTEC) Meeting on November 27, held at the 2nd Floor Function Hall, New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The gathering brought together TVET coordinators from various local government units across the province, reinforcing Cavite’s commitment to expanding community-based skills development and

employment opportunities. The program formally opened with an inspiring message from Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, OPPEM Head, who acknowledged the vital role of CTECs in driving inclusive growth by ensuring that Caviteños

have access to quality skills training and livelihood opportunities. The meeting highlighted key updates and accomplishments in Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) implementation in

Cavite. Ms. Rowena D. Nomio, Community-Based Training (CBT) Focal of TESDA, presented the 2025 accomplishments on livelihood programs, vocational education, and community-based training initiatives implemented across different LGUs. Her report underscored the continuous and collaborative efforts to uplift communities through

accessible skills training and livelihood support. Adding depth to the discussion, Mr. Allan T. Pastrana, TESD Specialist II and Regional CBT Focal, conducted an orientation on Community-Based TVET Programs, emphasizing their importance in addressing local skills gaps and supporting grassroots development. His presentation

provided coordinators with updated guidelines and strategies to enhance program implementation in their respective localities. The meeting concluded with strengthened coordination among LGUs and TESDA partners, paving the way for more impactful and responsive TVET programs for Caviteños in the coming year. (JDP)

Stars Shine Bright in Dasmariñas: Cast of Manila’s Finest Joins 158th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dasmariñas City, Cavite — December 8, 2025 — The City of Dasmariñas was aglow with celebration and star power as the cast of the upcoming action-drama Manila’s Finest—Piolo Pascual, Enrique Gil, Ashtine Olviga, and Pearl Gonzales—graced the 158th Feast of the Immaculate Conception, joining thousands of Dasmarineños in a vibrant display of faith, unity, and cultural pride.



The event, held at the heart of the city, was a testament to the enduring devotion of the community and the dynamic leadership of Mayor Jenny Barzaga. Known for her unwavering commitment to both spiritual heritage and progressive governance, Mayor Barzaga welcomed the celebrity guests with warmth and gratitude, emphasizing the importance of honoring tradition while embracing opportunities that uplift the city’s cultural and creative

landscape. “This celebration is not only a tribute to our Blessed Mother but also a reflection of our people’s resilience, joy, and shared dreams,” Mayor Barzaga said. “We are honored to have the cast of Manila’s Finest with us today, reminding us that Dasmariñas continues to be a city of promise, talent, and faith.” The presence of the film’s stars added excitement to the festivities, drawing cheers

from fans and residents alike. Their participation underscored the city’s growing reputation as a hub for arts, entertainment, and inclusive community events. As the city marked another year of devotion to the Immaculate Conception, the celebration stood as a powerful reminder of Dasmariñas’ forward momentum—anchored in faith, led with compassion, and celebrated with unity.

Naic Strengthens Anti-Drug Advocacy Through Community Empowerment

Naic, Cavite — December 3, 2025 In a united stand for a drug-free and healthier community, the Municipality of Naic successfully Abuse Prevention and Control Week 2025 program on Wednesday, December 3, at the RHU Annex in Brgy. Halang.



Spearheaded by Municipal Health Officer Dra. Ma. Carolina Matel, the event brought together local health workers, barangay representatives, and key partners from the DOH Tagaytay Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. The program emphasized the importance of rejecting illegal drugs, safeguarding public health, and supporting individuals seeking a fresh start. In his message of support, Mayor Rommel G. Magbitang reaffirmed the local government’s unwavering commitment to proactive and

compassionate anti-drug initiatives. > “Ang ating laban kontra droga ay hindi lamang laban ng pamahalaan—ito ay laban ng buong komunidad. Sa pagtutulungan natin, masisiguro nating ligtas at masagana ang kinabukasan ng bawat Batang Naic,” the mayor emphasized. Under Mayor Magbitang’s leadership, Naic continues to champion inclusive and preventive approaches to public health and safety. His administration’s focus on education, rehabilitation, and community engagement

reflects a holistic vision for a drug-free Naic. The event also featured educational discussions, testimonials from reformed individuals, and the distribution of IEC materials to raise awareness among youth and families. It served as a reminder that with the right guidance and support, transformation is always possible. As the municipality moves forward, the local government calls on every Naikeno to be vigilant, compassionate, and united in building a future free from the dangers of drug abuse.

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EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-657-25

JEROME PAUL S. ALCANTARA,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION**, with business address at EastWest Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave., cor 23rd St, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Respondents/Mortgagors, **JEROME PAUL S. ALCANTARA**, with residence and postal addresses at Block 12, Lot 11 Kensington 23, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or No. 34 Peru St., Marikina Greenheights, Concepcion Uno, Marikina City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 15, 2025 amounts to **NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR PESOS and 101/100 (P922,884.01)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of accrued interests and penalties as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **DECEMBER 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2020038922

LOT NO. 11 BLOCK NO. 12 PLAN NO. Pcs-04-031422

PORTION OF: Lot 1648-A; 1648-B; 1648-C; (LRC) Psd-303867 & 1649 San Francisco de Malabon Estate, Decree No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

LOCATION: Barangay of Bacao I, City of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 13, Block 12, Pcs-04-031422
2-3	NE	Road Lot 13, Pcs-04-031422
3-4	SE	Lot 9, Block 12, Pcs-04-031422
4-1	SW	Lot 14, Block 12 Pcs-04-031422

AREA: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **JANUARY 05, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, 25 NOVEMBER 2025.

(Sgd.) ANDRES B. ESPINA
Sheriff IV

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-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-620-25

SPS. DIVINA C. SCHEFCZYK, and
ALBRECHT WILFRIED JOHANNES SCHEFCZYK,
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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **TRBANK INC. (A RURAL BANK)** with principal office and place of business address at 31st Floor, Unit 3101-3108, Raffles Corporate Center, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City against the Respondents/Mortgagors, **SPS. DIVINA C. SCHEFCZYK, and ALBRECHT WILFRIED JOHANNES SCHEFCZYK**, with residence and postal addresses at Lot 1-4, Blk. 10, Pacific Ace Village 1, Brgy. Amaya 5, Tanza, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 12, 2025 amounts to **FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY ONE PESOS and 13/100 (P4,176,841.13)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests and penalties as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **DECEMBER 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 14 of the cons. and subd. plan, Pcs-04-016024, being a portion of the cons of Lots 832-A; 832-B; 832-C; 832-F; 832-G; 832-H; & 832-I, all of (LRA) Psd-363560, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Amaya, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 17; along line 2-3 by Lot 18; along line 3-4 by Lot 2, all of Blk. 14; on the N., along line 4-5 by Rd. Lot 1 (10.00 m wide); on the E., along line 5-1 by Lot 4, Blk. 14, all of the cons and subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan x x x containing an area of **EIGHTY SIX (86) SQUARE METERS**, x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2011012921

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 10 of the cons. and subd. plan, Pcs-04-016024, being a portion of the cons of Lots 832-A; 832-B; 832-C; 832-F; 832-G; 832-H; & 832-I, all of (LRA) Psd-363560, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Amaya, Mun. of Tanza, Prov. Of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the W., along line 1-2 by Lot 2, Blk. 10; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 21; on the NE. & E., along lines 3-4-5 by Rd. Lot 4; on the S., along line 5-6 by Lot 4; along line 6-1 by Lot 2, both of Blk. 10, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan x x x containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR (124) SQUARE METERS**, x x x

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

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Breaking... (FROM PAGE 1)

aims to ensure that the promise of free education does not end at graduation, but extends to the very threshold of employment.

> "Sayang naman kung hindi nila ma-practice ang pinag-aralan nila dahil lang hindi makapag-exam," Rep. Remulla emphasized—words that reflect the lived realities of thousands of Filipino graduates who, despite completing their degrees, are unable to take the next step due to unaffordable exam fees.

This initiative is more than a policy—it's a lifeline. For many students who have overcome poverty to earn a diploma, the cost of licensure exams administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and other certifying bodies becomes a final, heartbreaking barrier. Without a license, their education remains a dream deferred.

Rep. Remulla's measure seeks to change that. By removing this financial roadblock, the bill empowers deserving graduates to fully enter their chosen professions—whether in

teaching, engineering, healthcare, or other regulated fields—without being held back by economic limitations.

As an advocate for inclusive development, I see this proposal as a natural and necessary extension of RA 10931. It aligns with the broader vision of a society where merit, not money, determines opportunity. It's a call to action for a nation that believes in uplifting its people through education—not just in the classroom, but all the way to the workplace.

This legislation challenges us to rethink how we define access. It reminds us that true empowerment means ensuring that no Filipino is denied a future simply because they cannot afford to prove their qualifications. In supporting this bill, we affirm our collective commitment to a more equitable, compassionate, and forward-looking Philippines.

Because when we invest in our youth—not just in their schooling, but in their success—we don't just change lives. We build a stronger nation.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

NOTICE IS HEREBY given the public that, I **MODESTO PUZON AROMIN**, of legal age, widower, Filipino citizen and with residence at Pulong Buhangin, Sta. Maria, Bulacan, after having been duly sworn to according to law, hereby depose and state:

1. That I am the sole heir of the deceased **JOSEFINA JAVIER AROMIN** who died intestate on November 4, 2024 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, USA; as evidenced by her Certificate of Death, copy of which is attached hereto as ANNEX "A";

2. That the deceased died intestate without leaving a Last Will and Testament but left two parcels of land, both located in **Dasmariñas, Cavite**, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NOS. T-88619 and T-879704**, more particularly described as follows:

3. That pursuant to Rule 74, Sec. 1 of the Rules of Court, I hereby adjudicate unto myself the above-described property by means of his Affidavit;

4. That I am executing this Affidavit of Self-Adjudication for purposes of declaring that I am the sole heir of **JOSEFINA JAVIER AROMIN** and for whatever legal purposes it may serve.

This has been the subject of Affidavit of Self-Adjudication by Sole Heir duly executed on November 25, 2025 at Sta. Maria, Bulacan, before Notary Public **Atty. Manuel DJ. Siayngco** as per Doc. No. 254; Page No. 52; Book No. LV; Series of 2025.

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Voices That... (FROM PAGE 8)

A Ceremony That Set the Stage

Day 1 opened with the solemn Entry of Colors by Bulacan State University, followed by a heartfelt doxology by Pastor Elpedio B. Soriano Jr. As the AVP played the National Anthem and the PAPI Hymn, delegates paused—perhaps remembering the honor and responsibility behind their work.

Congress Director Alma Ochotorena welcomed the participants, but the moment grew more emotional when the assembly turned its attention to a man whose legacy continues to guide PAPI.

A Tribute to a Fallen Pillar of Journalism

During the opening program, PAPI members and guests offered a heartfelt tribute and prayer for the late PAPI Chairman Emeritus Juan P. Dayang, one of the country's most respected journalists and a towering figure in community media.

His immense contribution, wisdom, and decades-long dedication to Philippine journalism were

remembered in solemn reflection. Many delegates bowed their heads, acknowledging the profound void left by his passing—and the responsibility of continuing the work he championed.

It was a moment that anchored the congress in gratitude and purpose, reminding every journalist in the room that they stand on the shoulders of pioneers who fought tirelessly for truth.

Leadership, Commitment, and a Keynote That Hit Home

Following the tribute, a welcome message from Baliwag City Mayor Sonia Vico-Estrella—delivered through her official representative—affirmed the city's support for responsible journalism.

PAPI Chairman for Media Affairs Nelson S. Santos then took delegates through PAPI's decades-long commitment to defending press freedom.

When Jason Phillip V. Gutierrez of The New York Times and Asia Times took the stage for the keynote address, he spoke candidly about disinformation's

growing sophistication and the danger it poses to truth, democracy, and journalists themselves.

Learning, Sharing, and Confronting the Digital Battlefield

Lively open forums reflected a common battle cry from journalists across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao: The fight against misinformation must be collective, continuous, and courageous.

Governor's Night: A Celebration of Unity and Diversity

Delegates later returned dressed in striking United Nations-themed attire for Governor's Night—a celebration of cultural pride and journalistic solidarity.

PAPI President Rebecca Velasquez opened the ceremony followed by Vice President for Mindanao Anila Anne Acosta who introduced the guest of honor Governor Daniel R. Fernando, though unable to attend in person, Governor Daniel R. Fernando sent his administrator to deliver a message praising the press as "guardian pillars of truth."

Media leaders, government officials, and innovators echoed their

support throughout the night.

A major highlight was the awarding of ₱30,000 in raffle prizes and in-kind items, administered by PAPI Vice President for Visayas, Ms. Giecel Toriano-Albar. Donations from supporters across the country showcased how far the community of journalism advocates extends.

Day 2: Tourism, Technology, and a Nation's Story

The second day opened with a journey through Bulacan's cultural soul, guided by May Arlene DG. Torres, who presented the province's heritage-rich landmarks, historic sites, and preservation efforts.

This was followed by a powerful Zoom lecture by Professor Jeremiah

Opiniano, PhD, titled "Combating Misinformation in Advancing Digital Literacy." His sharp insights mapped the evolving digital battlefield and prepared journalists for the challenges ahead. Closing Remarks were delivered by PAPI Executive Vice President Ian Israel D. Junio who thanked the delegates, speakers, and partner institutions for their support and reaffirmed the organizations commitment to strengthening ethical and investigative journalism nationwide.

Heritage, Innovation, and a Dinner to Remember

Delegates then visited historic Malolos sites before proceeding to Bauertek Pharmaceutical Technologies, where Dr.

Richard Nixon Gomez showcased Filipino innovation at its best.

The congress concluded with a heartwarming Christmas boodle fight dinner, also hosted by Dr. Richard Gomez—an evening of fellowship, laughter and renewed commitment to the profession.

A Congress That Reignited Purpose

As delegates traveled back to their respective provinces, they carried renewed conviction -- and the memory of a tribute to a fallen giant whose legacy continues to illuminate the path forward. Because in the age of deception, the Filipino journalist's mission remains clear; To seek truth, expose corruption and never allow misinformation to prevail.

Nagpalabas... (FROM PAGE 1)

Ang unang lote, inilabas noong 1 Disyembre 2025, sumaklaw sa humigit-kumulang 2.13 milyong pensyonado na may kabuuang halagang P10.5-B na naipasok sa kanilang mga account. Ang pangalawang lote, naipasok noong 4 Disyembre 2025, sumaklaw sa humigit-kumulang 1.53 milyong pensyonado, na may halagang P8.3-B. Sa kabuuan, P18.8-B ang ipinamahagi sa humigit-kumulang 3.66 milyong pensyonado.

Sinabi ni SSS Pangulo at CEO Robert Joseph M. de Claro na ang taunang cash gift ay bahagi ng pangako ng SSS na suportahan ang mga pensyonado nito sa panahon ng kapaskuhan.

"Ito ang paraan namin ng pagbabalik ng utang na loob sa aming mga pensyonado na nag-ambag sa Sistema noong kanilang mga produktibong taon. Inaasahan namin na ang karagdagang benepisyo ng ito ay magdala ng kaginhawahan sa kanila at sa kanilang mga pamilya ngayong Pasko," ani de Claro.

Ang ika-13 buwang pensyon ngayong taon ay mas mataas para sa mga pensyonado noong 31 Agosto 2025 kasunod ng pagpapatupad ng Programa sa Reporma ng Pansyon simula Setyembre 2025. Sa ilalim ng programang repormang ito, ang mga pensyonadong nagretiro at may kapansanan ay nakatanggap ng 10% na pagtaas, habang ang mga pensyonadong nakikinabang sa pagkamatay ng miyembro ay nakatanggap ng 5% na pagtaas, tiyak na nagbibigay ng mas malaking kapanatagan sa pananalapi para sa mga benepisaryo.

Ang ika-13 buwang pensyon ay awtomatikong naipapasok sa mga account ng lahat ng SSS na pensyonadong nakakatanggap ng pensyon sa pagreretiro, kapansanan, at pagkamatay ng miyembro. Pinaalalahanan ng SSS ang mga pensyonado na tiyakin na ang mga detalye ng kanilang bangko ay updated para maiwasan ang pagkaantala sa pagpapasok ng halaga.

Tinitiyak ng SSS sa publiko ang patuloy nitong pangako sa maingat na pangangasiwa ng pondo ng mga miyembro. Noong 2024, ang Komisyon sa Pagsusuri (COA) ay nagbigay ng walang pagbabago na opinyon, na nagpapatunay sa integridad ng pondo ng Sistema, pangkalahatang kataguan sa pananalapi at pagsunod sa mabuting pamamahala sa pananalapi, kahit na ang mga tiyak na obserbasyon sa pagsusuri ay tinutugunan sa pamamagitan ng mga itinatag na hakbang na pagwawasto.

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon, tanong, o puna, maaaring makipag-ugnayan ang mga miyembro sa SSS sa pamamagitan ng hotline 1455, email sa ussaptayo@sss.gov.ph, at sa aming mga sangay. Maaari rin kaming bisitahin sa aming website (www.sss.gov.ph) o sa aming mga account sa social media (Facebook, Instagram, Spotify, Viber, X, at Youtube) sa ilalim ng pangalang MYSSSPH para sa pinakabagong anunsyo at materyales na may tagubilin tungkol sa mga programa ng SSS.

Cavite... (FROM PAGE 1)

ng Lalawigan program. As night fell, the stage came alive with performances from December Avenue, Sunkissed Lola, Soapdish, and other guest artists, transforming the campus into a sea of waving lights and joyful voices singing in unison.

The program opened with welcome remarks from CvSU President Dr. Ma. Agnes Nuestro, who expressed pride in the scholars and appreciation for the government's commitment to education.

In his message, Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla reaffirmed the provincial government's continued commitment to ensuring that Caviteño learners receive sustained support to pursue their dreams.

He was joined by 7th District Congressman Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla, who encouraged students to stay motivated, value their education, and strive to become future leaders and nation-builders.

Beyond the music and festivities, the event became a meaningful space for scholars to connect, celebrate milestones, and feel the tangible support of the government behind them. The energy of the crowd, the unity among young Caviteños, and the shared sense of pride made the evening more than just a concert—it was a reminder that education opens doors, and that the province stands firmly behind its learners.

The Iskolar ng Lalawigan program has already benefitted more than 85,000 students provincially, reflecting the provincial government's ongoing investment in developing future leaders and nation-builders.

As the Iskolar ng Lalawigan program continues to roll out across Cavite, thousands more students are set to receive educational assistance in the coming days. With every gathering, every stage, and every milestone, the provincial government strengthens its mission to uplift Caviteño scholars — nurturing not only careers and aspirations, but also confidence, community, and hope for a brighter future. — (Office of the Provincial Information Officer)

IMUS: Proud... (FROM PAGE 1)

Dominguez of Benedictine Institute of Learning (Batch 2021), Barangay Tanzang Luma 1:

- Silver – Soccer Robots 4x4
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- Bronze – Rescue Mission Challenge Robot
- Copper – Ibeam Senior Line Tracing
- Copper – 3kg Senior Remote Control Sumo Robot
- Daniell Marcus Calapardo Cadag of Elizabeth Seton School (Batch 2022), Barangay Pasong Buaya 2:

- Silver – Soccer Robots 4x4

Guided by their dedicated coaches, Minnie Kate Mejia and Jholan Torres, these young minds exemplified the brilliance and determination of the Filipino youth on the global stage.

Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula and the entire City Government of Imus extend their heartfelt congratulations to the team, recognizing their achievements as a beacon

of hope and inspiration for the next generation of Imuseño learners.

> "Ang tagumpay ng ating mga kabataan ay tagumpay ng buong Imus. Patunay ito na ang ating lungsod ay tahanan ng mga kabataang may galing, talino, at tapang na makipagsabayan sa buong mundo," said Mayor Advincula.

This victory not only brings honor to Imus but also reinforces the city's commitment to nurturing future-ready citizens through quality education and support for STEM programs.



Mayor Dahlia Loyola Leads Launch of Barangay Milagrosa Reading Center and 4B's Literacy Program

CARMONA, CAVITE — In a heartfelt celebration of education and community empowerment, City Mayor Dahlia A. Loyola led the official opening of the Barangay Milagrosa Reading Center and the launching of the “Bawat Bata Bumabasa” (4B's) program, a literacy initiative aimed at nurturing a culture of reading among young Carmonaños.

Joined by members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and local barangay officials, Mayor Loyola emphasized the city's unwavering commitment to inclusive education. “Ang pagbabasa ay pundasyon ng kaalaman. Sa pamamagitan ng 4B's, nais nating tiyakin na bawat bata sa Carmona ay may pagkakataong matutong magbasa at mahalin ang pagbabasa,” she shared during her keynote

message. The newly inaugurated Reading Center in Barangay Milagrosa is envisioned as a safe and inspiring space where children can explore books, enhance their reading skills, and develop a lifelong love for learning. The 4B's program, launched simultaneously, will support this mission through regular reading sessions, storytelling activities, and community-based literacy campaigns.

This initiative is part of the city's broader educational thrust under Mayor Loyola's leadership, aligning with her vision of a progressive Carmona where every child is empowered through knowledge.

As the event concluded, Mayor Loyola encouraged parents, educators, and community leaders to rally behind the program. “Ang tagumpay ng 4B's ay nakasalalay sa



pagtutulungan nating lahat. Sama-sama nating itaguyod ang kinabukasan ng ating mga kabataan.”

The City Government of Carmona continues to champion programs that uplift the youth and

strengthen foundational skills—because in Carmona, Bawat Bata ay Mahalaga.

SM Supermalls... (FROM PAGE 8)

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#SMSouthLuzon

DOST Strengthens Synergy of Balik Scientist Program and S&T Fellows During the 2025 NSTW

At the 2025 National Science, Technology and Innovation Week (NSTW) in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, the BSP–S&T Fellows Collab Activity unfolded as a gathering shaped not only by expertise but by shared purpose. Scientists, educators, researchers, and advocates came together in an atmosphere that felt collaborative and grounded, highlighting how “Agham na Ramdam” becomes real when people meet, exchange stories, and find common ground in their commitment to science.



What could have been a routine program instead became a space where participants recognized that strengthening research and development begins with strengthening connections.

The event opened with institutional messages that set a strong tone for the day. Undersecretary Leah J. Buendia emphasized the importance of integrated expertise and collaboration in shaping the country's national research priorities, a reminder that R&D grows when programs work in harmony rather than in isolation. This was echoed by DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., who described scientific discovery as something rooted in curiosity but made impactful when turned into solutions for real societal needs. His message

underscored the unique contributions of the Balik Scientist Program and the S&T Fellows Program, both of which expand technical expertise and provide vital support across regions.

Much of the program's heart continued through interactive sessions such as “Challenges ni Kuya” and “Nomination/Big Night ni Kuya.” These activities encouraged participants to work together on scenario-based tasks that mirrored real challenges in science and technology. In these moments, teamwork and idea-sharing came naturally, revealing how collaboration strengthens R&D by allowing individuals to combine perspectives, test solutions, and approach problems with shared creativity. The energy in the room demonstrated

that research becomes more meaningful when sparked by collective effort.

The activity concluded with the awarding of certificates, group photos, and networking moments that felt warm and hopeful. In his closing message, Undersecretary Teodoro M. Gatchalian encouraged continued partnerships and R&D efforts that uplift communities, reinforcing the day's core message: that progress grows when people commit to working together. As participants left the venue, the strengthened linkages, shared insights, and new collaborations formed during the activity became quiet but powerful steps toward a more connected and impactful research landscape for the regions and the nation. (Daisy Rose S. Sidayen)

2025 Gawad... (FROM PAGE 1)

The ceremony recognized teachers who have rendered 15 to 40 years of service in shaping generations of GenTriseño learners. Also celebrated were educators who pursued higher learning through master's and doctorate degrees—proof of their relentless commitment to excellence and professional growth.

Mayor Jonjon Ferrer, lauded the awardees as “pillars of transformation” in the city's journey toward inclusive and quality education. “Ang tagumpay ng ating lungsod ay hindi

magiging ganap kung wala ang mga gurong buong pusong naglilingkod. Kayo ang tunay na bayani ng GenTri,” he emphasized.

Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen echoed this sentiment, expressing deep gratitude for the educators' sacrifices and resilience. “Sa bawat aral na inyong ibinabahagi, binubuo ninyo ang kinabukasan ng ating mga kabataan. Kayo ang ilaw at gabay ng ating komunidad,” he said.

The event also highlighted the city's commitment to

Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), reinforcing the vital role of collaborative governance in uplifting the education sector. Through the #LetsJoinForces campaign, the local government continues to rally support for programs that empower teachers and enhance learning environments.

As the city moves forward, the legacy of these educators stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration—proof that with passion, perseverance, and partnership, the future of General Trias remains bright and promising.

Shop the... (FROM PAGE 8)

Follow Facebook, Instagram, @DisneyStorebySM on Twitter, and TikTok, for

updates and join us in spreading the excitement using #DisneyStorePH a n d #DisneyStorebySM.



Mickey Mouse in The Philippines: This collection is a charming way to commemorate your trip or share it with someone special back home. Local fans will also love celebrating their city with beloved Disney characters. Whether you're sipping coffee, carrying your essentials, or adding a cuddly touch to your shelf, this collection brings a uniquely local touch to timeless Disney favorites.



Toy Story talking action figures: Let Woody, Jessie and Buzz, with their iconic phrases and interactive features, take kids on an adventure inspired by Disney and Pixar's Toy Story. What's even cooler is that these action figures can detect other Toy Story interactive action figures nearby, so kids can imagine their favourite toys coming to life like in the movies. Receive a limited-edition Disney Store Christmas sticker sheet when you spend a minimum single-receipt purchase worth Php 4,000 at Disney Store SM City Dasmariñas. Offer is available from December 1 to December 31, 2025.

DOST-CALABARZON receives RDRRMC Plaque of Appreciation for regional DRRM efforts

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - CALABARZON, received a Plaque of Appreciation from the Office of the Civil Defense during the CY 2025 Fourth Quarter Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) CALABARZON Full Council Meeting held on November 19, 2025, at Hotel Marciano, Brgy. Real, Calamba City, Laguna.

The recognition highlighted the office's strong contribution to the council's programs and its consistent work in strengthening disaster resilience across the region.

The award affirmed the agency's role in helping move the region toward safer and more adaptive communities.

The council gathered member agencies to align plans and evaluate ongoing initiatives. The recognition given to DOST-CALABARZON reflected its active engagement in regional coordination, its science-driven approach to preparedness, and its steady support to Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) activities that improve decision-making on the ground.



As part of the meeting, DOST-CALABARZON presented its 4th Quarter 2025 Committee on Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (CDPM) Report and DRRM activities. The report included post-disaster geohazard assessments with recommended actions, the setup of infrastructure monitoring stations after the Laguna earthquake, technical assistance for the 4th Quarter NSED in Infanta, and participation in key discussions on earthquake preparedness and the Local Infrastructure Learning Hub (LILHUB) initiative. These efforts supported the broader work that led to the agency's recognition. **(By Vence Ralf D. Llorente)**

Yorme's Rice Reaches Dorothea 1: Mayor Rommel Magbitang Leads Relief Efforts in Naic

Naic, Cavite — In a continued show of compassion and commitment to public service, Mayor Rommel G. Magbitang once again brought hope to the doorsteps of Naicqueños through the successful distribution of Yorme's Rice in Barangay Halang, specifically in the Dorothea 1 community.



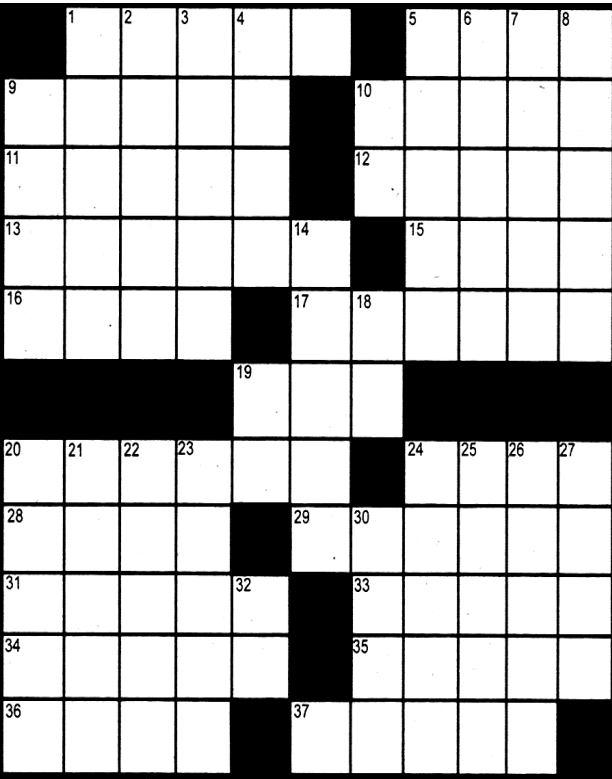
The initiative, which aims to ensure that no family in Naic goes hungry, has become a symbol of unity and bayanihan under Mayor Magbitang's administration. With the support of dedicated volunteers and barangay officials, sacks of rice were distributed to residents in

need—offering not just sustenance, but also a message of care and solidarity. > "Ang layunin natin ay siguraduhin na may maihahain ang bawat tahanan. Hangga't may nangangailangan, patuloy tayong kikilos at maglilingkod," said Mayor

Magbitang during the activity. This latest outreach is part of the broader campaign to uplift the lives of Naicqueños, especially in challenging times. Under the banner of #LetsSaveNaicParaSaBatangNaic and #NaicPosible, the local government continues to

roll out programs that prioritize food security, health, and inclusive development. As the sun set over Dorothea 1, smiles and gratitude filled the air—proof that leadership rooted in empathy and action can truly nourish both body and spirit.

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Voices That Cannot Be Silenced: PAPI's Stand Against Fake News and Corruption

BALIWAG, Bulacan — Long before the speeches began and the applause filled the halls, a quiet realization settled over the delegates of the 29th National Press Congress:



In an age drowning in misinformation, their calling has never been more vital. Held on December 3–4, 2025 at The Greenery in Baliwag, Bulacan, this year's gathering of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) was more than an annual event—it was a reunion of truth-seekers, a summit of storytellers, and a testament to the enduring power of Philippine journalism. The theme, "Unmasking Deception: The Role of Investigative Media in Exposing Fake News and Corruption," set the tone for a congress that was both reflective and forward-looking.

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SM Supermalls Spreads Grand Magical Christmas Cheer Across South Luzon!



SM Supermalls brings magic to more shoppers this year as it brings its highly anticipated Grand Magical Christmas Parade back to South Luzon beginning this Friday, December 5, at SM City Bacoor, bringing to life a truly magical experience complete with dance performances in wonderful music. Mark Your Calendars, the Grand Magical Christmas Parade will continue on December 6 at SM City Dasmariñas.

Adding to the array of holiday wonders, SM Supermalls is also introducing a fresh new take on the holiday spectacle with "Ribbons & Rhythm: Christmas Pop Musical," happening at the following SM Malls in Cavite: -December 7: SM City Molino - December 20: SM City Trece Martires -December 21: SM City Tanza Save the **► SM SUPERMALLS • 6**

Shop the stories you love at Disney Store's first pop-up at SM City Dasmariñas

Dasmariñas, Cavite – Disney fans, get ready to ring in an enchanting holiday season! Disney Store is opening a pop-up store at SM City Dasmariñas from 8 December, 2025 to 31 January, 2026.

Disney Store is the official home to shop the stories you love from Disney, Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars. With authentic products for all ages, shoppers can look forward to high-quality toys, collectibles, apparel, home products and more, including select products from Disney Parks. Selected Christmas items are on sale—perfect for this season!

It's never too early to prep for the most magical time of the year! Visit the Disney Store pop-up to bring home beloved characters and must-have merch. Treat yourself or pick up the perfect gift ahead of the holiday season. There's something for everyone!

Location: Main Event Center, SM City Dasmariñas
Dates: 8 December, 2025 to 31 January, 2026 **► SHOP THE • 6**



Costumes: Get the official look of a Disney Princess, hero, villain or more for everyday dress-up.



Drinkware & Figural Mugs: Sip in style at all hours of the day. These eye-catching 3D sculpted designs will have you loving our collection... a latte.