

WOMAN — OF THE — YEAR

BY A. CAESAR Z. LACSON, EDITOR

HERSTORY distinctly defined the Clark Freeport in 2024: 1,198 locators. 143,408 jobs. ₱77 billion in committed investments. \$5.1 billion exports. And still rising.

Remittance of ₱1.8 billion in cash dividends to the national government (off the 2023 net income of ₱2.79 billion), the highest single-year remittance by the Clark Development Corp. since its inception in 1993.

With a 99% score in the 2022 Performance Evaluation Scorecard of the Governance Commission for GOCCs – the very year president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera assumed leadership – growth-driven corporate governance started emerging in full measure at the freeport.

No mean feat, indeed, for the first woman chief executive of CDC, coming as it did at the tail end of the socio-economic devastation wrought by the Covid-19 pandemic to the nation.

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ATTY. AGNES VST DEVANADERA

PRESIDENT AND CEO, CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORP.

CL biz groups back transfer of turboprop flights to CRK

CLARK FREEPORT – Business groups all over Central Luzon expressed strong support to the transfer of turboprop flights to the Clark International Airport and other alternative airports to decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

A joint resolution of the Clark Investors and Locators Association, Subic Bay Freeport Chamber of Commerce, American Chamber of Commerce North Luzon, Freeport of Bataan Investors and Locators Association, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Tarlac, Metro Clark ICT Council, Metro Angeles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hotel and Restaurant Association in Pampanga, and the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce said the transfer of interisland flights to CRK “would create more direct connections to Regions 1, 2, 3 and the CARR, making travel more accessible and affordable to about

23 million people from these regions as well as the 7 million people from the northern part of the National Capital Region.”

“Air transport creates employment, facilitates trade, enables tourism and supports sustainable development, thus, playing a vital role in facilitating economic growth, especially for developing countries,” the resolution said.

It noted that “NAIA has recently attained a record high of 50.1 million passengers in 2024, way beyond its current passenger capacity of 35 million passengers per year.”

Congestion at the NAIA was “presenting significant challenges to passenger experience and overall efficiency,” it added.

Passenger traffic at NAIA is expected to register a passenger volume growth of about 20% to 30% this year equivalent to its planned capacity of 60 million passengers per year that is scheduled to be achieved after another

4 to 5 years.

“One of the measures that can be taken to increase passenger capacity significantly and expediently at NAIA is to transfer all turbo-prop flights to secondary airports giving way to jet planes that have four times more air seats per craft than turbo-prop planes and can increase hourly aircraft movements from the present 30-40 to about 488,” the resolution suggested.

It furthered that the transfer of turboprop flights to alternative airports will not only decongest NAIA “but also allow it to meet projected growth in passenger traffic in a more expedient manner thereby mitigating challenges such as frequent delays, crowded terminals, and compromised service quality.”

“It would free up valuable runway slots that would allow NAIA to accommodate more larger, long-haul aircraft that require shorter dis-



tances between planes in the same route, reducing runway congestion and minimizing delays,” it added.

“Redistributing turboprop flights to alternative airports such as the Clark International Airport or the Sangley Point Airport with underutilized capacities will improve the overall absorp-

tion capacity of the country for international as well as domestic flights and catalyze economic growth in their respective sphere of operations,” the resolution noted.

The Manila Slot Coordination Committee, composed of the Department of Transportation, Manila International Airport Authority, Civil Aviation

Authority of the Philippines, Civil Aeronautics Board and the New NAIA Infrastructure Corp., the San Miguel Corp.-led operator of NAIA issued a resolution issued last December that carriers must transfer 30% of their turboprop operations out of NAIA starting March 30, 2025.

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PamCham cites DOTr, NLEX for action on Marilao Bridge

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- The Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. commended the Department of Transportation and NLEX Corp. for their prompt and unified action in addressing the inconvenience brought about by the ongoing repairs at the Marilao Bridge.

“The temporary toll relief for motorists using the northbound segment of the NLEX from Balintawak to Meycauayan effective March 24 at 12 noon is a welcome development,” said PamCham chairman Rene G. Romero in a press statement.

“This immediate intervention not only alleviates the burden on the commuting public but also exemplifies the power of swift and responsive governance in partnership with a socially conscious private sector,” he said

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Product dev’t ongoing to boost Zambales mango industry

BY MALOU DUNGOG

IBA, ZAMBALES — While tourism stakeholders in Zambales prepare for this year’s iteration of the annual Dinamulag Mango Festival, the provincial government is preoccupied on another level in the task of improving production to sustain the local mango industry.

Gov. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. said on Monday the provincial government’s flagship program to revitalize the Zambales mango industry is now on its second phase, setting the rehabilitation and rejuvenation of some 20,800 mango trees in the province at a cost of P40 million.

This four-year phase, from 2025 to 2028, comprises the bulk of the P50-million Zambales Mango Green Valley Project launched last year to increase mango production

yield, encourage farm owners and contractors to adopt modern farm technologies, and promote good agricultural practices for long-term sustainability and profitability.

Ebdane said that after Phase 1, which established modern mango production areas to serve as demo farms for modern mango production technology, Phase 2 now focuses on rehabilitating existing carabao mango trees through improved farm management, fertilization, and irrigation techniques.

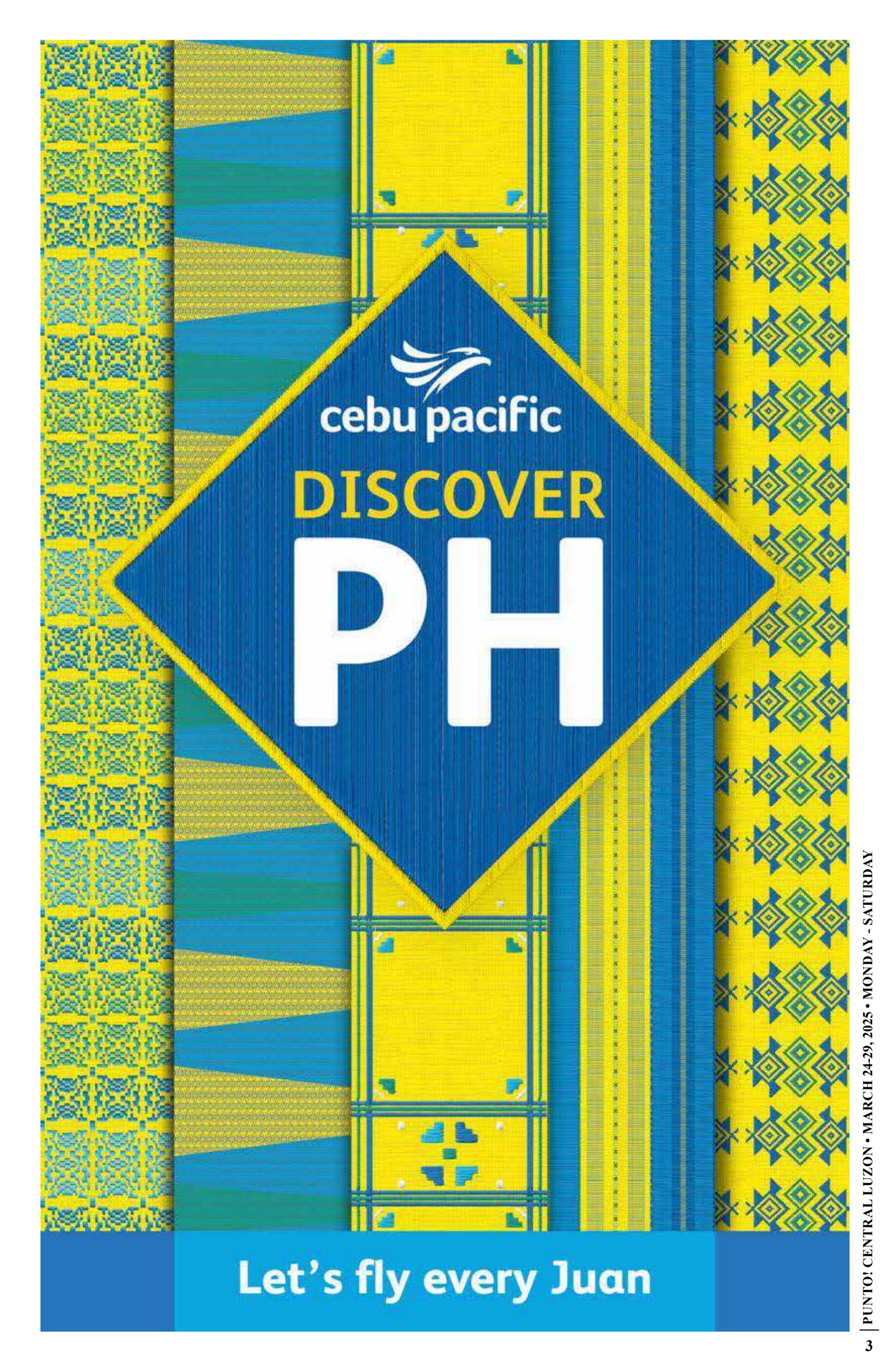
A key component in this stage, the governor explained, is capacity-building and training, which shall be undertaken in collaboration with the President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU) and the Samahan ng Magmamangga ng Zambales (SMZ).

Ebdane stressed that

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Premium Zambales carabao mangoes with varying degrees of ripeness are sold at roadside stalls. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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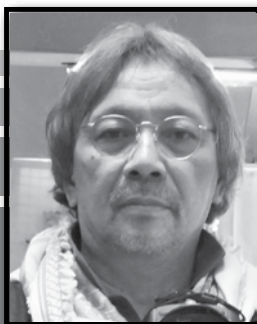
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You led your people out of Egypt from slavery to freedom.
In Jesus your beloved Son, You led us from death to life
through his Paschal Mystery, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit.
We humble ourselves before you today,
trusting in your promise to heal our land.
Stretch forth your mighty hand once again and lead our nation,
in this time of crisis, conflict, and confusion.
Let the light of truth shine like a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night, to guide us along the path
that leads to unity and peace.
Make justice gush forth like water from the rock
quenching the thirst of victims, cleansing wounds,
and opening the way to healing and reconciliation.
As You fed Your people with manna in the wilderness,
satisfy our hunger for righteousness, that we may cease to crave
for power, wealth and selfish gain.
Soften hearts hardened like Pharaoh's,
and open eyes blinded by greed,
that our love for our country may triumph
over all political loyalties and personal interests
and we may learn to see each other,
not as allies or enemies but as we truly are – brothers
and sisters all.
May this Jubilee Year inspire us to journey together
as one people.
Let this be our Passover:
from lies to truth,
from cowardice to courage,
from injustice to righteousness,
from division to unity,
from despair to hope,
from selfishness to love.
May this time of renewal enable us to discover again
our greatness as a nation and our dignity as a
people so dear to your heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Paschal
Lamb, who leads us through the Cross from death
to new life. Amen.
Our Lady of Peace, pray for us.
St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.
**(Issued by Cardinal Jose Advincula of Manila
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“HOWEVER, while I recognize the noble intention of the authors, I cannot ignore the concerns regarding the declaration’s lack of historical basis, the absence of a thorough study that shows key performance indicators for such designation, and the possibility that the bill may offend sensibilities in other provinces that are equally proud of their culinary contributions.”

Thus, President Marcos Jr. vetoed the proposal declaring Pampanga as the culinary capital of the Philippines which, understandably, did not sit well with cabalens mighty proud of their culinary excellence.

Instead of weighing in on the reasons the president proffered for his veto, netizens chewed Marcos Jr. for a number of non-sequiturs, ranging from the ultra malicious allegation of his loss of his gustatory sense due to..., to the “hatred” of the Kapampangan by Marcos Sr. dating back to the bitter rivalry with Apung Dadong Macapagal in the 1960s yet.

There were even calls for a zero vote for the administration’s senatorial slate this May.

A light of wisdom on the president’s veto shone in asocial media post of secretary general of the

UNESCO National Commission Ivan Henares, himself a Kapampangan of note, thus:

“It is not saying that Kapampangan cuisine is not good. It just acknowledges that in a nation as diverse as ours, no one region can claim to have the best food. What I’ve realized from travelling the country is that our diversity is our strength.

“We should not be competing with each other for bragging rights and empty titles. Focus on sustainable programs, not just trivial things. Let’s determine ‘key performance indicators’ and work towards those. That goal is best encapsulated by Chef Jam Melchor, ‘ensuring a stronger, more sustainable future for Filipino food and the communities that bring it to life’.”

I have no pretensions to prophecy or prescience but I have thought along parallel lines ten months ago at the time of the frenzied preparations for the culinary capital legislation, causing me to publish here – May 27, 2024 – this piece on the very subject. And for which, I too got some brickbats thrown my way, but nowhere near that dumped on the husband of Anne Curtis, the gastronome Erwann Heussaff for his feature on Kapampangan food cited in my article.

Culinary conceit redux

IS PAMPANGA the Culinary Capital of the Philippines?

How can it be otherwise? What with the sangguniang panlalawigan passing unanimously Ordinance No. 863 on Feb. 26, and Gov. “Delta” Dennis Pineda approving it on March 7, both this year, declaring the province as such “for so many reasons” not the least of which is Pampanga’s “long uninterrupted reputation for being home to culinary talents – from the chefs who cooked for the Malolos Congress in 1898 to the chefs who prepared the meals for the athletes of the 30th Southeast Asian Games in 2019.”

The ink on Delta’s signature hadn’t even dried yet when former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo led her three cabalen congressional cohorts in filing House Bill No. 10014 seeking the declaration of Pampanga as the “Culinary Capital of the Philippines” in recognition of the province’s “formidable culinary history” and to further boost the province’s thriving gastronomic tourism. Their proposed measure literally turning into a bill of fare with a banquet of the choicest Kapampangan dishes at the House, delectably digested by their peers.

Were legislation the only determinant to a culinary capital entitlement, then Pampanga is it most assuredly, its political leaders having jumped the gun on all other provinces in the country.

But is it? Is it even within the powers of Congress to legislate taste?

De gustibus non est disputandum. A truism I have kept from my seminary Latin that has withstood the test of time. Indeed, the self-evident truth that “about taste, there is no argument.”

In matters of gustation, I find as much predilection for the Kapampangan *begukan* as for the Bicol *sinilihan*, for the Ilocano *dinakdakan* as for the *kinilaw de Oro* and Dumaguete’s *binakhaw*. Or for chicken, be it *inasal*, *kulub*, *lechon* or *pinaupo*. The gourmand in me couldn’t care less of the origin of the food on-plate, all that matters is its tastiness. I leave anything above that to the snootiness of the gourmet.

Why, a taste of ambrosia to me may just be a cause of nausea to another. I suddenly remember the Bicolano journalist Ben Gamos who, despite working in Pampanga all his life, never found the “usual” Kapampangan food beyond plainly edible – “*panlaman lang ng tiyan*.” Whenever ribbed of his proclivity for *laing* and *Bicol express* over *sisig* and *tocino*, he was wont to riposte: “*Kanya-kanyang poor taste lang ‘yan*.” Of course, the inference goes both ways. Yummy to one, yucky to the other.

Concededly, Pampanga is a culinary haven. Conceitedly, Pampanga is gustatory heaven. Just about everyone that has come to dine in a Kapampangan home – from the humblest hut to the grandest mansion, or in a Kapampangan eatery – from the lowliest *carinderia* to the classiest gourmet restaurant, attests to that indubitability. By and large.

Food, glorious food, has long defined Pampanga in the nation’s cultural psyche, affirmed in one generation, reaffirmed in the

next. So niched, shall it remain.

Still, does that make Pampanga the Culinary Capital of the Philippines, meriting national legislation at that?

Currently breaking the internet is Erwan Heussaff’s FEATR on Kapampangan food. It is – to me – the most substantial take on our culinary excellence yet, seasoned, so to speak, with the perspicacity of contextualization by culturatus Ruston Banal and Jam Melchor, founder of the Philippine Culinary Heritage Movement. Every *cabalen* worth his palate ought to see, indeed, savor this cultural fare. It is a nourishment to the Kapampangan soul.

At the end of the video feature came the inevitable: Is Pampanga the Culinary Capital of the Philippines?

“A question that is impossible to answer. It’s impossible to self-proclaim that [title] because ...there’s such beautiful diversity when it comes to Filipino food to claim that one place only can represent the country as its culinary capital.” Heussaff, definitive and succinct here.

And *en punto*: “It’s very difficult to say. Yet, I do believe that [Pampanga] is one of the most important provinces that we have when it comes to food alongside provinces like Cebu or regions like Western Visayas.”

Talking of Western Visayas, its regional capital Iloilo City was included last October in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) for Gastronomy, a “recognition granted to applicant cities for their culinary history, tradition, culture, and identity – which integrates education, science and technology, crafts and farming industries, and environmental endeavors that contributed to the sustainable gastronomic heritage.”

Notwithstanding this recognition from no less than UNESCO itself, Iloilo City did not endeavor to be declared – by law – as the “Gastronomic Capital of the Philippines.”

Might the gastronome Heussaff have had this at the back of his mind when he pondered the impossibility to the question: Is Pampanga the Culinary Capital of the Philippines?

The Philippines’ first in the gastronomy category, Iloilo City joins in the prestigious recognition Baguio City as UCCN Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art since 2017, and Cebu City as the country’s inaugural UCCN Creative City of Design in 2019.

Crafts. Folk art. Design. Realms of culture and innovation where Pampanga excels too, but unrecognized, alas!

No harm to Kapampangan pride there as a whole, only a prick on our culinary conceit.



Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Legacy of a martyr

ST. OSCAR Romero's theology and spirituality are rooted in a deep love for the Gospel, the Church, and especially the poor. His journey—from a cautious, conservative priest to a prophetic and courageous archbishop—reveals how faith can be transformed by reality, especially when confronted with injustice and suffering.

Romero's Theology: A Heart for the Poor and the Gospel

1. The Church of the Poor

Romero came to believe that the Church must take a clear stand with the poor—not just to care for them spiritually, but to denounce the systems that keep them poor. He said:

"The Church is not interested in political power, but it is interested in the people, and it cannot remain silent before injustice."

His commitment was not political in a partisan sense—it was deeply pastoral. He believed the Church must follow Jesus in loving, defending, and being with the poor.

2. Conversion Through Suffering

Romero's own theology was shaped by personal and national tragedy. The murder of his close friend, Jesuit priest Fr. Rutilio Grande, was a turning point. Romero, who had once been cautious, began to speak boldly. He said:

"When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead, I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path.'"

His faith deepened through witnessing the suffering of others. This led him to understand Christ as truly present in the crucified people of El Salvador.

3. The Cross as Central

For Romero, the Cross of Christ was not just

a symbol of suffering—it was a call to action. His spirituality was rooted in Jesus' solidarity with the suffering. He once said:

"A Church that does not provoke any crises, a Gospel that does not unsettle, a Word of God that does not get under anyone's skin—what Gospel is that?"

He believed the Gospel had to challenge injustice, even if it cost him his life.

4. Nonviolence and Forgiveness

Though he denounced military violence and economic oppression, Romero never called for armed resistance. He believed in the power of truth and nonviolence. His final homily, the day before he was killed, ended with:

"In the name of God, and in the name of this suffering people whose cries rise to heaven... I beg you, I implore you, I order you: Stop the repression!"

Legacy of a Martyr

Romero was declared a martyr of the faith, not because he was killed for politics, but because he was killed for living out the Gospel in defense of the poor and vulnerable. His canonization recognized that his fight for justice was not separate from his faith—but flowed from it.

(Memorial of St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, March 24)



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Pagiging Culinary Capital ng Pampanga, kay PBBM 'di pumasa

I. Ang mga KABALEN natin sa Pampanga ay talagang labis ang PAGKADISMAYA panukalang batas upang IDEKLARA na ang Pampanga ang maging KABISERA ng mga pagkaing masarap ang TIMPLA kay PANGULONG MARCOS ay hindi pumasa II. Ang naging desisyon ng ating PANGULO upang panukalang batas ay i-VETO dahil magdudulot lamang DIUMANO diskriminasyon sa mga PILIPINO ang ganyang pahayag ay nanggaling mismo kay PPO USEC. Attorney CLAIRE CASTRO III. Pa'no magdudulot ng DISKRIMINASYON kung ang karamihan ay SUMASANG-AYON lutong Kapampangan magmula pa noon ay patok na patok sa panlasang PINOY hindi lamang dito sa isla ng LUZON buong Pilipinas sa bawat ng REHIYON IV. Ano ang masama sa CULINARY BILL? na naipasa na sa KONGRESO natin sa kaunlaran ba ay magiging SAGWIL? kung saka-sakaling ito'y PAGTIBAYIN? hangad lamang naman nilang PALAKASIN TURISMO sa bansa hinggil sa pagkain V. Totoo namang ang mga KAPAMPANGAN sa sarap magluto ay MAAASAHAN ito ay madalas na mapatunayan sa kahit ano pang uri ng handaan ito ay pamana na INIINGATAN mula sa kanilang KANUNU-NUNUAN VI. Ito'y hindi lingid at batid ng lahat ng mamamayan ng BANSANG PILIPINAS LUTONG KAPAMPANGAN ay walang katulad sa timpla at lasa sadyang DE-KALIDAD mga dayuhan man kapagka NALASAP babalik-balikan pagkaing KAYSARAP VII. Ang mga pagkain dito sa PAMPANGA ay bahagi na ng kanilang KULTURA ang CULINARY BILL pag naging batas na di lang KAPAMPANGAN ang MAKIKILALA sa karangalan ang lahat ay KASAMA bansang PILIPINAS ang MAGTATAMASA



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Popularity over merit: flawed qualifications?

WHY DO you think our country is in its current position where many elected public officials are neither equipped to govern nor qualified to legislate?

Some of you would probably cite our collective failure to educate the Filipino voters. Others would blame it on propensity of those in power to perpetuate a culture of patronage so that as majority of our countrymen remains poor and uneducated, they will continue to beg for scraps and dole-outs.

Last Monday night, I was watching another engaging and insightful episode on the podcast "Usapang ED" hosted by Atty. Joseph Noel M. Estrada, one of the country's renowned education lawyers, and Ms. Doris Fernandez-Ferrer, the executive director of the Private Educational Assistance Committee.

During the discussion I raised a question whether the qualifications for running for public office—specifically for positions in the Senate and the House of Representatives—are shockingly basic compared to the qualifications and requirements for even the most entry-level jobs in other sectors.

According to the 1987 Constitution, to become a senator in the Philippines, a candidate must be a natural-

born Filipino citizen, at least 35 years old on the day of the election, able to read and write, a registered voter, and a resident of the Philippines for at least two years preceding the election.

For members of the House of Representatives, the requirements are even more lenient: a person must be a natural-born Filipino citizen, at least 25 years old on election day, able to read and write, a registered voter in their district (except for party-list representatives), and a resident of the country for at least one year preceding the election.

While the intent of the framers of our Constitution was clear and that is to foster a more democratic system where voters are given a wide array of choices that are not restricted by other qualifications such as educational attainment and relevant job experience, I believe that the current set of requirements has, to a large extent, contributed to a political system where wealth and popularity, not merit or competence, often determine who gets elected.

It is not surprising why many of us find it hard to understand this: if many job openings, even for positions that pay the minimum wage, require applicants to possess specific skills, education, and work experience, why then, are individuals who will have the power to enact laws, manage budgets, and shape national policy not held to a similar standard? As it is, the lack of rigorous requirements for political office opens the door for candidates who are driven more by financial resources and personal popularity than by the expertise necessary to serve effectively.

Sadly, this stark reality in the country today where wealth, popularity and family connections are often the determining factors in elections is something we have to accept and even endure unless we are

able to change the provisions of our Constitution.

In the meantime, let us focus on voter education. Why? Because the people who have the ultimate power to determine the leaders who should govern them and give them long-term solutions and multi-dimensional programs to improve their lives, are the very same people who make the wrong choices every election cycle. Educating the Filipino voters does not start on the day they vote for the first time; it starts on the day and continues every single day that they make choices. It begins

right at home, and continues in the school and the larger community. If we are able to develop critical thinking among all learners and educate every Filipino voter, only the most qualified will be elected into power. Not even the basic P500 or the lucrative P5K "good will fee" per voter will be able to sway an informed choice.

Make no mistake, and do not get offended when we are told that we deserve the kind of government that we have now. As one TV ad aptly puts it, we are the product of the choices we make.

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MaLu Project gains momentum in Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – A total of 17 schools in Pampanga have joined the growing movement for the promotion of environmental responsibility among students through the “Lunes Malinis” (MaLu) Project spearheaded by Eco Protect Management Corp. (EMPC).

EMPC CEO Alaine Tan announced plans to donate at least 50 more armchairs and garbage bins to schools in Pampanga, Bulacan, and other areas. For every 18 kilos of sachets collected, EMPC donates an armchair or a garbage bin.

Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II, who attended the launch of MaLu at Cuayan Elementary School on March 21, urged students and parents to cooperate with the project.

“Tulong-tulong lamang po tayo, nakatulong na tayo sa gobyerno, sa pamahalaan natin, nakatulong na tayo sa eskwelahan at nakatulong pa tayo sa community. Konting sakripisyo po sa bawat isa sa atin, maglilikom lang po tayo ng mga basura [single use plastic], tapos marami po tayong magagawa. Alam ninyo, malaking tulong sa ating pamahalaan lalo na sa ating DepEd family na kahit papaano yung basura ma-transform natin into a usable material. Kagamitan para sa

kinabukasan natin,” Lazatin said.

For his part, Angeles City councilor Edu Pamintuan also praised the initiative. “Saksi ku pu na very effective ya pu [MaLu Project]. Importanti pu, ring pengari ampong deng anak mag cooperate la pu, misaup-saup tamu pu neh?”

To date, schools that joined the MaLu Project include San Fernando Elementary School, Gueco Balibago Elementary School, Sto. Domingo Integrated School, Sto. Rosario Elementary School, Anunas Elementary School, Pampang Elementary School, and Lourdes Northwest Elementary School.

Other participating schools are EPZA Resettlement Elementary School, Northville 15 Integrated School, Jose P. Dizon Elementary School Pandan, Abelardo Tinio Elementary School Capaya, Angeles Elementary School Pulung Bulu, Dr. Clemente N. Dayrit Elementary School, and Sapangbato Elementary School.

The list is completed by Tacondo Elementary School, Malabanas Elementary School, and Cuayan Elementary School. Principals from the participating schools expressed gratitude for the project, emphasizing its role in raising environmental awareness among students.



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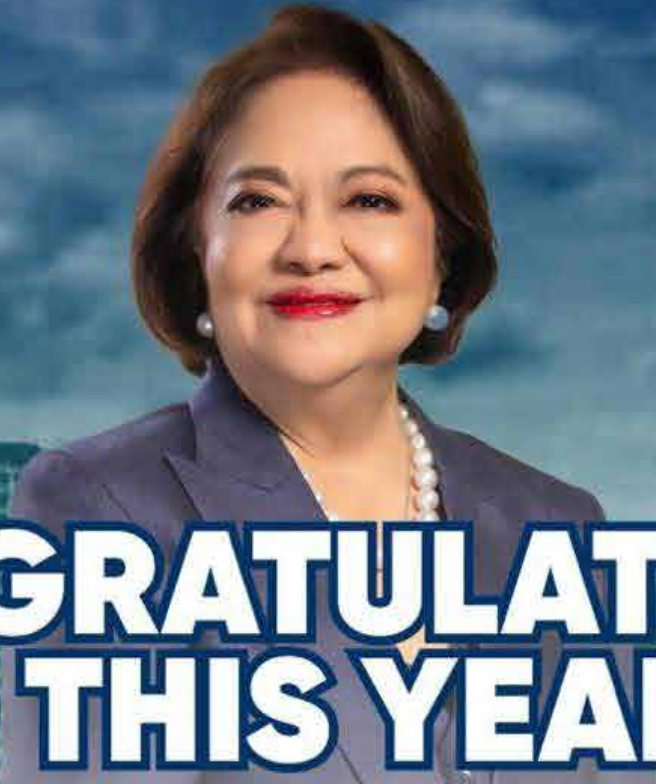
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HHI, CIFA partner to empower communities through sports

CLARK FREEPORT -- Hausland Holdings Inc. (HHI) has officially partnered with Clark International Football Academy (CIFA), reinforcing its commitment to community development through sports. This collaboration was formally announced during a press conference held on March 21 at Grand

Hall, The Mansion, The Villages Global Clark. As an organization dedicated to building and enriching communities, HHI aspires to be a leading community builder in the market by fostering initiatives that create lasting social impact. Recognizing the transformative power of sports in shaping character,

discipline, and leadership, HHI supports CIFA in providing opportunities for young athletes to develop their skills and contribute positively to society. In line with this initiative, CIFA is set to host a highly anticipated football tournament on March 29 and 30. The event will bring together

approximately 90 teams and over 1,200 talented young players, creating a dynamic platform for competition, growth, and sportsmanship. Admission is free, and the public is encouraged to attend and support the games. CIFA offers structured training programs for various age groups, equipping

young players with professional coaching and skill development opportunities. Interested individuals may inquire about enrollment by contacting 0962 785 7652 or visiting <https://www.facebook.com/cifaph>. As part of its long-term vision, HHI aims to be at the forefront of community development

by investing in initiatives that promote personal growth, teamwork, and leadership. Through this partnership with CIFA, HHI continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to creating spaces and opportunities that empower individuals and bring communities together. **Press release**



EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF 1 Vacancy Job Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Right hand of the Executive chef to set standards and maintain them to the SWISSOTEL Clark standards.- Optimize the use of materials, manpower, thereby maximizing revenue and guest satisfaction.- Execute training of kitchen team members and set good examples to enhance motivation of colleagues and reach mission. Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Diploma/Certification from a reputable Culinary school- Minimum 4 years of relevant experience in a similar capacity- Good working knowledge of MS Excel, Word, & PowerPoint- Good reading, writing and oral proficiency in English language- Ability to speak other languages and basic understanding of local languages will be an advantage Place of Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Swissotel Clark Philippines <p>Bldg. 5399 M.A. Roxas Highway Clark 2023 Freeport Zone, Pampanga, Philippines</p> How to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visit careers.accor.com (Search for Job ID: REF1262H) or- Email your CV to HB6N4@swissotel.com (ATTN: Talent & Culture Department)	
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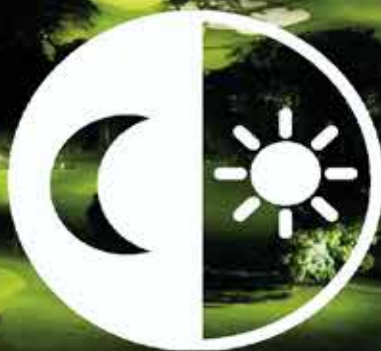
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PLDT Home’s Fiber Fest goes wider, bigger for the 2nd year

PLDT HOME’S pioneering broadband festival is back for its second year—with bigger surprises in more areas nationwide. Fiber Fest widens its reach in 2025, bringing same-day fiber installations, ultra-fast broadband, and exclusive digital experiences to more communities across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Bringing Fiber Connectivity, One Barangay at a Time

With PLDT Home’s ever-expanding fiber network, more Filipino families can now enjoy next-level connectivity with Wi-Fi 6-ready plans supporting speeds of up to 1 Gbps. Whether for remote work, streaming, gaming, or smart home setups, these high-speed fiber plans ensure seamless performance.

“Fiber Fest aims to make reliable internet more accessible to broader communities,” said Patrick Tang, First Vice President and Head of PLDT Home Acquisition Marketing. “By bringing PLDT Home’s broadband and digital services to more barangays across the country, we promote digital transformation, encourage community development, and create growth opportunities.”

Building on its success, Fiber Fest is expanding to even more barangays, accelerating the rollout of PLDT Home’s reliable fiber network—especially in underserved communities.

What to Expect at the Fiber Fest

- Here’s what Fiber Fest-goers can look forward to:
- **Exclusive Deals:** Get the best broadband deals and rewards available exclusively at Fiber Fest. Enjoy free speedboost and save up to P3,600 waived installation and activation fees for new subscribers. Switching to PLDT Home Fiber plan? Then enjoy a 50% off monthly service fees for six months. Existing PLDT Home subscribers upgrading to Fiber Netflix Plan, Fiber Unli All, or Fiber Unli Plan also get free speedboost and exclusive rewards.
 - **Same-day Installation:** Customers will enjoy same-day installation of their PLDT Home Fiber plan when they apply at the Fiber Fest.
 - **Exciting Rewards:** Sign up for Home Rewards program and receive 120 free Rewards Crystals which can be redeemed for bill rebates, discounts, and exclusive treats.
 - **The Best Digital Offers, All in One Place:** PLDT Home has partnered with Smart, Maya, mWell and Next Upgrade to bring exciting promos for the best digital experiences – mobile connectivity, seamless cashless payment, health and wellness services, and smart home solutions.
 - **Local talent and Interactive Entertainment:** Experience an action-packed day of games and entertainment, featuring Netflix-inspired activities and the Barangay Olympics. PLDT Home has also partnered with TikTok to showcase the best local talents and connect them with wider online audiences with the country’s first-ever TikTok Star Search at the Fiber Fest.
 - **Live Celebrity Performances:** Enjoy electrifying performances from Eleven11, and special guest appearances from PLDT High Speed Hitters.

First Stop: Pasig City

Kicking off in Pasig, Pasigueños enjoyed activities and surprises from PLDT Home. Celebrities and guest performers including Dylan Menor, Eleven11, and PLDT High Speed Hitters including Mika Reyes, Majoy Baron, Jessey de Leon, and Rachel Austero also joined in the fun.

Catch the next runs of Fiber Fest in Batangas, Bulacan, Pasay, Cavite, and more! The full schedule of Barangay Fiber Fest locations and events will be announced soon on PLDT Home’s official pages.

Stay tuned and be part of the country’s biggest fiber festival.



Dylan Menor and Eleven11 at the Fiber Fest in Pasig City

Stay Safe, Stay Smart: Online Tips for Gen Z

Imagine this: You’re scrolling through Instagram and you get a DM from someone you don’t know. They ask for your personal information for a chance to win a brand new phone. You can be in great danger.

While the internet offers countless opportunities for learning and socializing, it also exposes you to big risks, including online predators and scammers. They are everywhere. They can target anyone, especially those who are very active online. These malicious actors use sneaky tactics to trick and exploit people, so it’s crucial to stay alert. Here are some red flags to watch out for:

- Unsolicited messages from strangers
- Requests for personal info like your address, phone number, or passwords
- Suspicious links and attachments
- Offers that seem too good to be true
- People pretending to be someone they’re not

While social media is a big part of your life, it also has its risks. For example, if someone you don’t know sends you a link saying it’s a funny video, think twice before clicking. It could be a phishing attempt to steal your info.

If you love online gaming, be careful with strangers. Protect your personal info on gaming platforms and avoid in-game scams. Picture this: You’re playing your favorite game and someone offers to trade rare items with you. They ask for your login details to make the trade. ☐ Never share your login info; it’s likely a scam.

Money scams can be another threat. Watch out for fake investment opportunities and giveaways. Protect your bank and credit card info, and use e-wallets safely. For instance, if you get an email offering a guaranteed return on a small investment, be skeptical. Scammers often use these tricks to steal your money.

Keep your online presence clean. Know what info is out there about you. Check your online profiles regularly and remove anything you don’t want public. For example, Google yourself sometimes to see what shows up and delete any unwanted info.

By staying alert and informed, you can enjoy the internet while staying protected from online predators and scammers.



- Checklist for Staying Safe Online:
- ☐ Check privacy settings on social media and other platforms.
 - ☐ Be cautious of unsolicited messages from strangers.
 - ☐ Never share personal info like your address, phone number, or passwords.
 - ☐ Avoid clicking on suspicious links and attachments.
 - ☐ Be skeptical of offers that seem too good to be true.
 - ☐ Report suspicious accounts and activities immediately.
 - ☐ Protect your personal information on gaming platforms.
 - ☐ Avoid sharing login details with anyone.
 - ☐ Be aware of fake investment opportunities and giveaways.
 - ☐ Identify and report cyberbullying and online harassment.
 - ☐ Regularly check your online presence and remove unwanted information.
 - ☐ Join the Online Alerto Facebook Group for cybersecurity tips and support.
- Online Alerto is an online community that provides resources to help you enhance your online safety. You can find helpful tips and support for staying secure, including guidance on talking to trusted adults and connecting with relevant organizations. Join the Online Alerto Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/onlinealerto>

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INVESTMENT HAVEN

No less than Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Economic Affairs Secretary Frederick Go cited CDC's role in the Philippines achieving a ₱1.9 trillion investment increase in 2024. "We'd just like to point out that the big three agencies that contributed to the performance last year are the Board of Investments, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, and the Clark Development Corp."

The "best location for highly urbanized or highly commercialized forms of investment." So, the economic czar holds the Clark Freeport. So, indeed, in point of fact of expansion projects by existing locators and investments from new ones infused in 2024 and spread over phases in 2025.



Donggwang Clark Corp., a developer of tourism and leisure estates with additional ₱20 billion.

Taiwanese firm BB International Leisure and Resort Development Corp., a developer of integrated resort and water theme park facilities, with committed additional investment of ₱15 billion for the Midori Highlands, a new eco-friendly integrated township combining green spaces with urban living, including high-rise condominiums and a logistics center.

DeviceDesign Philippines Corp., a South Korean-based manufacturer specializing in wireless technology for the Internet of Things, investing ₱103 million.

Clark Water, a subsidiary of Manila Water Philippine Ventures and the sole water and wastewater service provider in the freeport, with ₱5.56 billion in capital expenditures for service improvement projects.

Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. with ₱3.5 billion to expand manufacturing operations set for completion by the end of 2025 with daily output capacity to reach 34,100 tires increasing to an annual output of 10 million tires by 2026.

Prodigy Maguire Concepts Inc., Nike's exclusive partner in the Philippines for the factory store format, is constructing a ₱134.5-million Nike Factory Store on a 2,500-square-meter site along M.A. Roxas Highway.

Inari Amerton, Inc., one of Malaysia's largest semiconductor firms, is expanding its operations with the construction of a new three-story, 2,000-square-meter building. Currently it employs some 2,000 individuals.

The Philippine Exporter Foundation Region III Inc. with

₱30.6 million in a lifestyle showroom and pasalubong center. Habibia Corp. with ₱22 million. JBW Floor Center Inc. with ₱5.8 million. Otonari Food OPC with ₱40 million.

All these contributing to the diverse business landscape driving the growth of the freeport, seen to add some 6,000 individuals to its workforce, boosting employment opportunities in the region.

Nationstar Development Corp. has broken ground for the ₱126.95-million

Filipino-led boutique hotel, The Henry Hotel-Clark, and a commercial complex.

Construction of the Philippines' first Wyndham Garden Hotel has also started. With a committed investment of ₱979 million, the facility will boast a 15-floor structure with 176 suite rooms, lifestyle amenities, and conference spaces tailored for meetings, incentives, conventions, and exhibits (MICE) events.



MICECON 2024

"Clark is first and foremost an investment destination, but after 30 years, it has transformed into something more," said PCEO Devanadera, referencing the spirit of RA 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992) that established the Clark Freeport as a "labor-intensive, export-oriented, aviation-driven manufacturing and investment haven" to spur the development of the areas contiguous to the former American military installation.

"We have all the reasons for people to come over. We have vast spaces, so what did we do? First, we grouped the industries according to their business nature, and we sold the idea of MICE to people not involved in MICE or tourism," she said as MICECon 2024 opened in July. Unarguably, that event of the year positioned Clark as a premier global destination for MICE events.

At the JCI World Congress 2024 in Taiwan, Clark was chosen to host the JCI World Congress 2026 where delegates from over 100 countries are expected, creating opportunities for young leaders to connect globally.

The CDC is supporting Vespa Club of the Philippines in organizing the Pilipinas Vespa Days this November 2025 and in their bid to host the 2027 World Vespa Days in Clark.

Members of the Philippine Association of Legitimate Service Contractors gathered for their 14th Philippine National Conference in November 2024, at the Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort.

The Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. convened for their 59th National Conference at Royce Hotel just this February.

In the MICE sector, Clark hosted 2,540 events with 364,000 attendees. Additionally, 138 major events attracted 444,000 attendees, highlighting Clark's prominence as a key destination.

A problem of ease in mobility invariably arises with the heavy volume of people coming to Clark events. As part of the solution, CDC introduced last September the Clark Loop, the first cashless payment bus transportation system in both a freeport zone and Central Luzon, setting a new standard for regional connectivity and efficiency.

VENUE FOR ARTS, CULTURE EVENTS

Post-pandemic, read: Devanadera time, the richness of local art and culture flourished at the Clark Freeport. The Clark Museum became a gallery of continuing art exhibitions by various Kapampangan artist groups in different genre.

Only this January, there was the "Kalilukan Culiati: Pisamban Maragul" featuring the works of 27 visual artists, including meticulously designed 3D models reimagining the Holy Rosary Parish Church.

Last December, "Paskung Kapampangan," showcased 21 works by visual storyteller Gerald Gloton highlighting the Pampanga's renowned lantern-making heritage and festive celebrations.

In November, the freeport hosted the travelling Vespa Museum Exhibition that featured 40 iconic Vespa models, vintage designs, and collectibles that highlight the enduring appeal of the Italian scooter brand.



MUSEUM CAPITAL

The Clark Museum will not remain for long all by its lonesome at the freeport.

On July 23, construction commenced for the Philippines' first motor racing museum, the Clark Tony's Motorsport Museum, sited adjacent to the Clark International Speedway. A project of Kilton Motor Corp., Pilipinas Shell, and Bermaz Auto Philippines Inc. (Mazda Phil.), the museum will feature racing bikes and motorcycles, Formula cars, racing cars, and go-karts. In addition, it will include a 1,200-square-meter conference hall for exhibitions, product launches, and private events, complete with a stage and dressing rooms.

Grander yet – in PCEO Devanadera's words "one of the grandest things that will happen in Clark" – is the National Museum of the Philippines, now in advanced state of construction at the ruins of the former Clark Air Base Hospital.

NMP-Clark will feature exhibitions on local history, art, culture, natural history, anthropology, and archaeology. It will also serve as an off-site location for NMP's central office and national collection repositories, among other functions.

TOP TOURISM DESTINATION

Twice in a row, Clark has been named the top tourist destination at the annual Department of Tourism-Region 3's Tourism Recognition for Enterprises and Stakeholders (TRES) Awards.

CDC was awarded the title of Filipino Brand of Service Excellence advocate, Most Creative Tourism Marketing Collateral – Social Media in the Province and Freeport Zone Category, and Most Creative Tourism Marketing Collateral – Printed (Brochure) in the Province and Freeport Zone Category.

The freeport's tourism sector has seen growth over the past three years. Visitor arrivals increased from 30 million in 2022 to 32.5 million in 2023, and further surged to 34.8 million in 2024. This includes 1.37 million overnight tourists, 1.44 million same-day visitors, and 1.21 million airport arrivals. Shopping malls in Clark attracted 30.78 million visitors, contributing to a robust domestic and international tourism presence.

Tourists spent an estimated ₱28.7 billion in 2024, based on an average daily expenditure of ₱9,147.58 and an average length of stay of 2.3 nights. Major hotels in Clark maintained an average occupancy rate of 77.92%, indicating strong demand for accommodation.



SPORTS TOURISM

At the 6th Philippine Sports Tourism Awards (PSTA) held in Cebu in November, Clark Freeport was elevated to its hall of fame, the first to be given that recognition.

Clark was cited for its consistent and multiple wins as Sports Tourism Destination of the Year in 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, highlighting the freeport's excellence in hosting premier sporting events that drive tourism and economic growth.

Major international and local sports events, including the Southeast Asian Games, triathlons, and marathons were among those held at then freeport which averages 100 events annually, drawing approximately 250,000 participants and visitors.

The Clark International Festival of Speed featuring an auto bazaar and outdoor exhibits on the latest in automotive innovation was held at the Clark International Speedway in October and November.

Over 150 football teams from across the country and international teams from Guam gathered at the Clark Parade Grounds for the Philippines Cup 2024 Football Tournament in December.

Only this March 16, the annual run-bike-run Clark Duathlon Classic had its 6th iteration, drawing some 400 athletes.

CULINARY HEARTLAND

Clark is fast emerging as the very heartland of the unlegislated culinary capital of the Philippines that is Pampanga. Beyond the dulang of regional fare, the freeport offers a banquet of international dishes.

Hotels as well as stand-alone restaurants have their own shares of go-to cuisines, from Chinese to Italian, Japanese to American, Korean to Indian, and delectably, all in-between. But there's no stopping the cornucopia of gustation in Clark.

New entrées in the smorgasbord of gastronomic delights are Couscous! Mediterranean Grill, the first of its kind in the freeport, and Rare Bar & Grill at the Quest+ Conference Center Clark offering the best steaks and dry-aged meats paired with handcrafted cocktails, and



Huwon by Kiwa at Royce Hotel poised to be a top-tier choice for fine Korean dining. Coming soon are Sayam House home-style Thai cooking, a food court and café, and, unarguably, the most wished-for Mario's Restaurant, famed for its 50 years of culinary excellence.

SUSTAINABILITY

“It’s all about people. It’s all about getting connected. It’s all about continuity and making the Philippines the best source of manpower.” PCEO Devanadera defining the rationale of CDC entering into partnerships with higher institutions of learning to as far as the Visayas and Mindanao. “Our people are our wealth. Your students are valuable assets to investors. We can continue to attract more investors because we have a workforce that is English-speaking, young, creative, and innovative. So, we look forward to having you, and welcome to Clark,” enthused the CDC chief.

Among the HILs the CDC has entered into MOAs with for its Clark Ambassador Program are the University of Mindanao; St. Paul University-Iloilo, Central Philippine University, and Visayas Aerospace College and Technology, all in Iloilo; Jose C. Feliciano College Foundation and University of the Assumption, both in Pampanga.

CDC is also synergizing aviation industry-academe collaboration through MOAs with CAAP-approved Training Organizations (ATO), enhancing collaboration among government, academe, and the private sector to ensure educational curricula align with the aviation industry’s manpower needs.

Participating ATOs include DPR Aviation College, FDSA Aviation College of Science and Technology Inc., Jocson College Inc., and Masters Aviation Academy Inc.

PCEO Devanadera also led discussions with Southern Luzon State University- College of Engineering and SIA Engineering (Phil.) for internship opportunities for engineering students.

SCWELA PROGRAM

“This will carry you through. Your career in CDC may have started, but it will truly take off when you have the right qualifications.”

Thus, the CDC chief exhorted the first batch of CDC employees enrolled



undergraduate CDC employees with opportunities to continue their education and enhance their professional growth. Flexible class schedules help scholars balance academic commitments with work responsibilities.

RA 7227 REDUX

“In short, the Clark metropolis has what it takes to be a Mecca for tourists, a magnet of investments, and a market of goods and services. We must leverage these attributes into higher visitor traffic, attracting more investments that generate better jobs and spur economic activity.”

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. there affirmed the vision set forth for Clark by RA 7227 during a site inspection in July 2023 of the Clark Multi-Specialty Medical Center (CMSMC) undergoing construction on a 5.7-hectare property in the freeport. The CMSMC is envisioned to be a world-

Marcos Jr. did not expressly mention the CMSMC is in effect an accomplished part of the mission set forth in RA 7227 – the promotion of the well-being of the communities contiguous to Clark.

What he said was broader in scope and scale: “I am happy that the province of Pampanga and Region III will again have this additional medical facility. It will also cater to patients not only from Region III but Regions I, II, and Metro Manila for the specialties in the heart, kidney, cancer, and pediatric ailments.”

“We must acknowledge the part played by PAGCOR and the Clark Development Corp. as they had spearheaded the efforts in coordination with the Department of Health, the provincial government of Pampanga, and other partners to construct this facility,” said the president, giving special mention to Vice Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda for her persistence in pursuing the CMSMC to its fruition.

MADE IN CLARK

On September 4, CDC hosted the inaugural Clark Business Interdependence Conference to promote collaboration among freeport locators and drive economic growth within the zone. It was a most auspicious occasion for the launch of “Made in Clark,” a certification by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, solidifying the Clark Freeport’s brand identity in the global market.

Enthused PCEO Devanadera: “And so, we were saying that when you are given the brand of Made in Clark Philippines, we have to make sure that you are up to quality. Made in Clark Philippines stands for excellence, and by upholding this standard, we elevate not just Clark, but the entire Philippines.”

Registered under IPOP’s 2023 Revised Trademark Regulations, the certification ensures the authenticity and quality of products manufactured within

the freeport, effective as of Oct. 21, 2024, valid for 10 years until 2034.

Significant as it is, Made in Clark is more than a certification, it is a testament to the verity of the CDC chief’s message in the said conference, to wit:

“The true strength of Clark lies not just in its diversity of industries but in how these industries can collaborate, support, and elevate one another. This is the essence of business interdependence.” Not without a catalyst though, that is the CDC president and CEO.

A certification, a testament, Made in Clark is a brand of excellence – finding its full meaning in Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera.



in the company’s Scholarship Collaboration for Workers Engaging in Learning Advancement (SCWELA) Program in partnership with the City College of Angeles. The SCWELA Program aims to provide

class medical facility with state-of-the-art equipment that will provide specialized care in pediatrics, renal care, cardiovascular care, and oncology.





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ATTY. AGNES VST DEVANADERA

PRESIDENT & CEO
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EDUCATION

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A SUMMA cum laude, magna at the least, among institutions of higher learning in the Philippines – so has become the Angeles University Foundation in effect, time and again, in its outstanding performance in multidisciplinary professional licensure examinations.

Top 7 best performing school nationwide in the Feb. 2025 licensure examination (LE) for criminologists with a passing rate (PR) of 87.5%.

A perfect 100% overall PR in the architecture LE in Jan. 2025 with the national passing rate (NPR) at 58.715.

Top 4 best performing school nationwide in the 2024 Bar Examinations with a PR of 89.66% for first time takers and 84.38% overall, overly superior to the 37.8%. NPR. Topping the cake, yet – AUF School of Law grad Gerald C. Roxas at Top 3.

December 2024 proved yet another month of excellence for AUF, to wit:

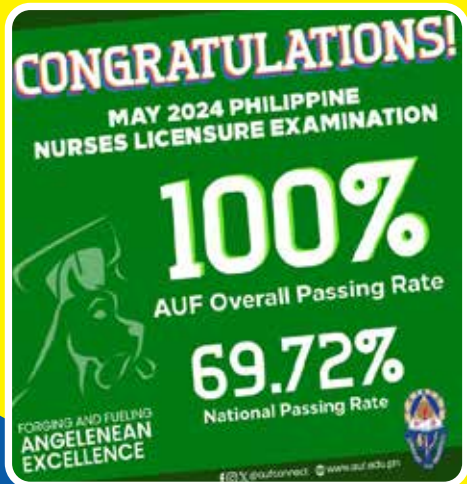
Top 5 best performing school nationwide in the occupational therapist LE with 96.43% PR for first time takers and 84.62% overall. Top 8 was AUF alumna Gwyneth Amber Gonzales Martin.

Best performing school in Central Luzon in the physical therapist LE with 93.75% PR for first time takers and 88.57% overall.

Overall PR of 94.74% and 94.44% for first time takers in the radiologic technology LE where the NPR was 57.55%. Top 9 spot achieved by Ashley Jae Banzuela.

Even when AUF's passing rate dipped, as in the certified public accountant LE at 63.64%, it still managed to be more than twice above the NPR of 30.17%.

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PANANAW NG MALAYANG PILIPINO!

PUNTO'S selection among institutions and individuals in the year past with their outstanding performance.



FOOD

RMM COLD STORAGE & MEATSHOP

SO MUCH has been said, and much more will still be said of the culinary excellence of the Kapampangan, more so with Pampanga declared by legislation as the culinary capital of the Philippines.

Kapampangan cuisine in all its exquisite glory invariably comes as main serving in every table talk on gustation. Celebrated, as fittingly should, the delectable Kapampangan dishes though are but one side of the delighting gustatory story; the other being the source of the main ingredients, even for other cuisines, regional or international, served in the province, in the region as well. And not only in matters of quality, but also in edibility, in safety.

Here is where RMM Cold Storage &

Meatshop stamps its mark.

From its modest start in 2009, the company has grown into a key player in the meat importation industry, meticulously sourcing food products – from pork parts and cuts, chicken and seafoods to quality beef, including tomahawk and Kagoshima A5 Wagyu steak – from top global producers while rigorously ensuring compliance with both local and international regulations.

“Our commitment to quality starts at the source. We select our suppliers with the utmost care and ensure that every shipment meets rigorous safety standards,” said couple Gheric and Rizalyn Manaloto, founders of RMM Trading that evolved into

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HEALTHCARE

THE MEDICAL CITY

“**WITH PRIDE**, we can declare, ‘We have The Medical City in Clark – an internationally accredited center of excellence.’”

Thus, Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera’s encomium at TMC Clark’s 10th anniversary celebrations last January highlighted the facility’s crucial role in the freeport’s comprehensive development; its very presence an enhancement to attract investments both domestic and foreign.

The premier referral center in Northern and Central Luzon since its opening on Jan. 16, 2015, TMC Clark is now impressed upon the world too as the very face of healthcare in one of the Philippines’ premium investment havens and engines of economic growth.

Hospital care can’t get any more recuperative, indeed, rejuvenating with TMC Clark’s scale and scope of highly specialized services:

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AT 60+, the go-to bank of micro, small, and medium enterprises is a continuing story, aye, a saga since its founding in 1964 as the Rural Bank of Floridablanca, persisting in its rebranding in 2022 as BOF A Rural Bank, in constant definition of its very reason for being – the development of rural communities, fostering countryside progress through inclusive banking services.

Inclusive, as in providing financial access to underserved sectors, from small businesses to farmer and transport groups.

“We build homegrown success through collective growth with our clients and stakeholders...” So, it is written in the BOF’s vision and mission statement.

So, it is accomplished in the testimonials of the bank’s clientele.

“BOF is like salt, they’ve helped us turn our ideas into delicious realities.” So attests Chef Cherry P. Tan, proprietor of authentic Kapampangan restaurant Apag Marangle, now a prized gustatory destination in Pampanga.

“Iba sa BOF. BOF looks after all their clients even if they’re small business owners.” So avers Gheric Manaloto, chief operating officer of RMM Cold Storage & Meatshop, now a leading exporter and distributor of top-notch meat products in Central Luzon.

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Genteelhome

ON MARCH 6 at the Philippine International Furniture Show at SMX Convention Center, former Miss Universe Catriona Gray unveiled “Payak,” her first capsule furniture collection under local brand Genteel Home.

It was a moment rich in symbolism, of the Pampanga brand’s leap from the provincial to the universal, from humble beginning to metropolitan sophistication.

“From one commissioned piece for a client in Manila came residential projects to commercial spaces and offices, with my small garage work area,” says Genteel Home founder and principal designer Katrina Blanca de Leon of her brand’s 2013 origination.

By 2021, Genteel Home had established its first showroom – now called Furniture Atelier – along Fil-Am Friendship Highway right at the boundary of Bacolor town and Angeles City.

The vast collection of art masterpieces and customized furniture and furnishings it showcased made an immediate impression, enhanced by the adjunct workshop – atelier, hence – where clients can watch and engage the skillful artisans crafting their commissioned pieces, from chairs to side tables, bedsteads and headboards, to furnishings.

Bespoke elegance verily becomes Genteel Home with its hand-woven solihya design, “where each rattan weave embodies the perfect marriage of form and function...its repetitive pattern not only reinforces the structure but also provides essential airflow, particularly in the tropical climate of the

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Hann Casino Resort Strengthens Its Position as the Culinary Capital of Clark with New Dining Destinations at 8th Avenue

CLARK, PHILIPPINES – As Clark continues to emerge as a premier destination for luxury, leisure, and world-class dining, Hann Casino Resort is setting the bar even higher, solidifying its reputation as the Culinary Capital of Clark. Home to internationally renowned hotel brands Clark Marriott and Swissotel Clark, the resort features 18 diverse dining concepts, offering guests an unmatched variety of global flavors, elevated dining experiences, and top-tier service – all within one dynamic destination.

Adding to this vibrant culinary landscape, 8th Avenue, the resort's premier retail and lifestyle strip, introduces a lineup of first-in-their-class restaurants, each bringing something new to Clark. These include the first-ever Hard Rock Café outside Metro Manila, the first fine dining Korean restaurant in the country, and other exciting dining spots that redefine the local food scene.



Las Flores: A Taste of Spain, now in Clark

Bringing its first branch outside Metro Manila, Las Flores delivers an authentic Spanish dining experience that blends tradition with modern sophistication. Known for its expertly crafted tapas, signature paellas, and premium wine selection, it offers a refined yet inviting ambiance for leisurely meals, social gatherings, and intimate celebrations. Signature dishes such as crispy croquetas, slow-cooked Iberico pork, and seafood-studded paellas make every visit a culinary journey to Spain.



Lucky Dumpling: The Flavors of Cantonese Cuisine, Made Bold

Making its Philippine debut, Lucky Dumpling brings the diverse and flavorful world of Cantonese cuisine to diners with a focus on handcrafted dumplings and traditional noodle dishes. Every piece is meticulously crafted, from truffle xiao long bao to silky dan dan noodles, ensuring a balance of authentic flavors and contemporary flair. Using a wide range of premium ingredients, this restaurant delivers a refined take on Asian comfort food, making it a must-visit destination for those who crave bold and dynamic flavors.



The Dine by Tony Jung: The Philippines' First Fine Dining Korean Restaurant

Redefining Korean gastronomy in the country, The Dine by Tony Jung is the first fine dining Korean restaurant in the Philippines. Helmed by Michelin-trained Chef Tony Jung, this dining concept transforms Korean culinary heritage into an elevated experience through an eight-course signature menu featuring standout dishes like autumn squash porridge and charcoal-grilled premium meats.

With an emphasis on refined presentation, bold flavors, and modern execution, this exclusive dining spot offers guests an unparalleled taste of contemporary Korean cuisine, setting a new benchmark in the local fine dining scene.



Hard Rock Café: Bringing the Legendary Experience to Clark

A global icon in music, dining, and entertainment, Hard Rock Café expands beyond Metro Manila for the first time, bringing its legendary brand to Clark. Known for its high-energy atmosphere, classic American comfort food, and live music experience, this new location delivers the ultimate blend of great flavors and rock-and-roll culture.

Guests can indulge in signature Hard Rock burgers, sizzling fajitas, and expertly crafted cocktails while enjoying high energy performances from local and international bands. With its signature memorabilia-lined interiors and vibrant atmosphere, it's not just a restaurant—it's a celebration of music, food, and bold living.

With 18 distinct dining establishments within the resort, Hann Casino Resort has firmly established itself as the Culinary Capital of Clark. From fine dining and authentic international flavors to casual cafés and high-energy dining experiences, it offers something for every taste, occasion, and lifestyle.

By offering a world of flavors under one roof and introducing first-in-their-class dining concept at 8th Avenue, Hann Casino Resort continues to shape Clark's evolving culinary scene, setting new benchmarks for excellence in the region.

For more information on Hann Casino Resort's latest dining experiences, visit www.hannresorts.com.

Tom N Toms: The Korean Coffeehouse Experience

A coffee house chain based in South Korea, Tom N Toms Coffee brings its renowned café culture to Clark, offering a premium selection of handcrafted coffee, specialty lattes, and freshly baked pastries. Known for its signature pretzels and smooth espresso blends, this coffeehouse provides the perfect setting for a quick caffeine fix or a relaxed coffee break.

Whether guests are starting their morning, catching up with friends, or winding down after an exciting night, Tom N Toms delivers a taste of Korea's vibrant coffee culture right in the heart of Clark.



BOF...

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Homegrown bank channeling community savings to fund homegrown industries empowering local entrepreneurs, engendering rural development. This, in close engagement with regulators as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Securities and Exchange Commission and other stakeholders among government agencies, NGOs, and interest groups.

Committed to supporting initiatives that drive progress and modernization in the countryside, the BOF Eco-Move Loan Program was established in support of the government's Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program. Through its availment, the Betis Operators & Drivers Transport Cooperative three brand-new modern PUVs, followed by the Arayat Express Jeepney Transport Service Cooperative with four, for starters.

Rural banking as "an exercise in financial inclusion," gets flexed in BOF's myriad interactions with different sectors. Principal of these were the Stakeholders' Engagement Forum for Start-Up Businesses in

the City of San Fernando; Seminar on Wealth Succession Planning and Tax Management; and the EmpowerEd Financial Literacy Project in collaboration with the BSP extended to business and finance students in a series of fora at the City College of San Fernando, Pampanga State Agricultural University, Mary the Queen College, and the City College of Angeles.

BOF is likewise into collaboration and knowledge-sharing within the rural banking community, as exemplified in its On-Site Learning Program at its corporate center for the Rural Bank of Solano (Nueva Vizcaya) and partnerships with the Bicol Federation of Rural Banks and the Rural Bankers Association of the Philippines (RBAP), affirming BOF's leading role in industry-wide capacity building. In 2023, RBAP recognized BOF as a Pioneer On-Site Learning Bank for Corporate

Governance and Succession Planning and MSME Lending.

BOF's strong engagement with the BSP in hosting the Know Your Money seminar on the first Philippine Polymer



Banknote Series BSP and in the BSP Piso Caravan Program aimed at facilitating public access to exchanging unfit and damaged money to ensure only fit currency remains in circulation led to BOF being the first in Central Luzon to have a Currency Exchange Center as part of its regular services in its different branches.

Of its 22 branches, all but two – in Bulacan and Tarlac – are located in Pampanga with its flagship branch, the 22nd, inaugurated in June 3023 along Jose Abad Santos Avenue in the City of San Fernando, the regional and financial capital of

Central Luzon. Like all other businesses, BOF was not spared from the economic doldrums wrought by the Covid-19 pandemic. It's aftermath however made a totally different story for BOF, best told in its expansion – San Jose, Floridablanca and the flagship branches both in 2023, and renovation – of its branches in Mabala-cat City in 2022, and in Lubao, Poblacion-Floridablanca, Sto. Tomas, and Porac Sto. Tomas in 2024.

For the record: As of Dec. 31, 2024, BOF has P5.93 billion in total assets; P990 million in total capital; P4.56 billion

in total deposits; and P4.25 billion in total gross loans. BOF ranks among the Top 10 rural banks in Central Luzon and in the Philippines.

Banking on values
"We are here to fill in the gap in the vast banking industry where banks think of their clients first as family. Emphasizing this differentiates us from our competitors; our key demographic can resonate with us better and attest to our genuine and sincere service," declared then-BOF president and CEO Susan David-Nunga in her 2023 State of the Bank Address themed "Building Homegrown

Success" focused on shared growth between the bank, its clients, and its communities. In his turn at the 2024 SOBA, BOF president and CEO Paolo David Carlos presented the infrastructure of that homegrown success grounded on the very core values of BOF – Competence, Accountability, Responsibility, Integrity, Nurturing, God-driven – CARING for Tomorrow. That which ensures BOF's continuing story as a consistent pillar of integrity and innovation in the financial industry in Central Luzon, in the Philippines.

THE MEDICAL CITY...

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Cardiovascular Center – pediatric and adult cardiology, neurovascular and peripheral vascular catheterization, and interventional radiology; Breast Center; Liver and Pancreas Center; Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery; Chemo-Infusion Unit; Pain Clinic, Center for Integrative Medicine; Genomics; Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Center; Diabetes and Nutrition Management Services Center; Occupational Health Center; and Wellness Center – all with state-of-the-art equipment.

And more came in 2024: TMC-Clark established the first Allergy and Immunology Center in Central Luzon, expanded its Hemodialysis Center from 6 to 14 chairs, and procured its second magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine. It was also made an accredited facility of the Maritime Industry Authority. With all these, plus a 103-bed capacity and staffed by 519 doctors – surgeons and specialists, 182 nurses, 143 allied health professionals, and 69 interns, no other medical facility north of Metro Manila can come anywhere close to TMC Clark. Indeed, the globally renowned Joint Commission International (JCI) awarding TMC Clark its Gold Seal of Approval® in December

2024, the first-ever in the region. JCI sets the gold standard in healthcare quality and safety, granting accreditation only to organizations that meet its rigorous benchmarks. Achieving it, therefore, affirms TMC Clark steadfast adherence to global best practices. As Dr. Noelito M. Lacsamana, president and CEO of TMC Clark, enthused: "This accreditation represents our hospital's dedication to providing safe, high-quality patient care, and reflects the collective effort of every team member who has worked tirelessly to raise the bar for healthcare in the region. We are shaping the future of healthcare in North and Central Luzon together." Then, at the Asia CEO Awards 2024, TMC Clark joined the Circle of Excellence Awardees of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Company of the Year. Through the years, certifications of excellence have been heaped along TMC Clark's way. In addition to being ISO 9001-2015 certified, TMC Clark won the Gold Award in the Brand and Marketing Campaign category of the 2020 Asian Hospital Management Awards for its "A Safe Zone for All Patients" Campaign at the time of

the Covid-19 pandemic. Earlier on in 2019, it received the Marketing Initiative of the Year Award for "Pink Walk: #BreastWalkEver" and the Primary Care of the Year Award for Client Management Program. In the same year, TMC Clark received the distinction of being the only medical facility in Central Luzon accredited by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration for its Ka-Bayani Center offering pre-employment medical examination services for overseas Filipino workers and seafarers.

The distinction of excellence that distinguishes TMC Clark from all hospitals and any medical care facility north of Metro Manila is expressed in its brand philosophy, indeed, defined in its core value: "Where Patients are Partners."

The traditional idea of the patient as a passive recipient of medical services upended to that of the patient as an active partner in his own health.

Total Medical Care, TMC Clark gets its full meaning. **TMCC photos**



RMM COLD STORAGE...

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the RMM Cold Storage & Meatshop, underscoring the company's steadfast commitment to quality as they import meat products from the United States, Canada, Brazil, and some parts of Europe. Gheric furthered that the company works closely with regulatory bodies, including the National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS), to ensure compliance with stringent safety standards. "Actually, we have NMIS office here for proper handling. We are not allowed to open our containers if we don't have a representative from NMIS. Our permit will come from them. If they didn't give us the permit, we wouldn't be able to operate," shared Rizalyn. Even in the face of daunting challenges like fluctuating exchange rates and heightened competition, the highest product standards

are non-negotiable to RMM Cold Storage & Meatshop. The company utilizes reefer containers and adheres strictly to temperature controls to ensure optimal conditions for their products. "At the time of the ASF (African swine fever), our proactive approach to compliance and safety has helped us maintain the highest standards of product integrity," Gheric noted. A greater challenge was the Covid-19 pandemic where the first four months of the quarantine really took its toll. "We zeroed out," recalled Rizalyn, noting that subsequently, the demand for meat products spiked, and the business even grew more. She credited this to the premium quality of their products. Fittingly, hailed as "the biggest economic activity in Mabala-cat City at the end of troubled 2020" was the opening in Barangay Sapang Biabas of RMM's cold storage

facility with a capacity of two million kilos of frozen meat and seafood products. Four years later, in November 2024, the Manaloto couple were joined in breaking ground for the expansion of that facility by Mayor Crisostomo Garbo, citing its "impact to the local economy and even beyond" as it highlighted the growing investors' confidence in Mabala-cat City. RMM Cold Storage & Meatshop has three more cold storage facilities located in Miranda and Bagong Bayan in Angeles City, as well as in Calibutbut in Bacolor. They also have a total of 15 meat shops principally located in Pampanga delivering nationwide. "Our goal is to remain a leader in the industry by continuously improving our processes and ensuring that we meet the evolving needs of our clients," said Gheric of the company's vision.

Angeles University...

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In the Nov. 2024 nursing LE, four AUF takers landed in the Top

Yturalde ranked Top 10 in the medical technologists LE where the school achieved a PR of 87.5%

Crowning glory
“Your pursuit of excellence continues to uplift Central Luzon.” So goes

by the Society of Project Managers Singapore.
Dr. Arvie C. Vitente, PhD Education Major in Education Management 2021, honored as Physical Therapist of the Year 2024 by the American Physical Therapy Association-New Mexico. USA.
Arun Hemachandra, BS Biology Batch 2012, youngest to be elected Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment as Member of Parliament in his home country of Sri Lanka.
Therein is an attestation to AUF’s commitment to its mission of “Total Development of Man for God and Humanity” affirmed in its placement among the nation’s, indeed, the world’s leading higher institutions of learning.

In the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings 2025, AUF is 21st top university in the Philippines, 169th in South-Eastern Asia, and in 901+ bracket in Asia, the only private higher education institution in Central Luzon to achieve this international status, showcasing its exceptional commitment to quality education.

The World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2024 for Student Mobility and Openness Category released at the 4th Hanseatic League of Universities Conference at Franklin University in Switzerland placed AUF at 57th in the world, and 3rd in the Philippines in the Student Mobility and Openness Category (A2). WURI assesses higher education institutions’ real contributions to industry and society, highlighting innovative education, research, and engagement with society.

As the AUF to the world, so its president too: Dr. Joseph Emmanuel L. Angeles named commissioner of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in recognition of his “exemplary leadership and expertise, which align with UNESCO’s mission of advancing education, science, culture, communication, and social and human sciences.”

Excellence in the AUF’s academic system virtually runs through its very DNA.

Nowhere has this become more manifest than at the inauguration of the Emmanuel Y. Angeles Center for Learning and Innovation last December held in honor of University Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles and coinciding with the 117th birth anniversary of university founder Dr. Barbara Y. Angeles.



Genteelhome...

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Philippines,” as a lifestyle editor raved about it.

In July 2023, Genteel Home set its atelier in Manila whetting the metropolitan taste for its signature elegance in curated residential lifestyles.

In April 2024, Genteel Home gained its foothold in Northern Luzon with its atelier sited in La Union.

In the country’s diverse design landscape, Genteel Home has unarguably distinguished itself with that unique creativity and passion to craft bespoke pieces and fashion astounding design spaces of refined elegance.

Engaging fashion celebrity Heart Evangelista as the brand’s new ambassador in 2024, De Leon noted how she embodies Genteel Home’s very essence “of passion, pride in Filipino roots, and confidence in making a mark on the world.”

This, as Genteel Home poises itself to enter the international market in home furniture and furnishings.

Design philosophy
WE HAVE great vision and a unique culture. One that’s built on a strong set of values of craftsmanship, functionality, and sustainability. Each client represents a “mood box” comprising of bits and pieces of the actual materials and colors we use for the design. This way, we are guided in making a personal connection with the client’s personality and surroundings. Simply creating a beautiful space that supports the well-being of our clients while investing in the happiness of their loved ones.

I am proud to say that every bespoke masterpiece meticulously crafted by Genteel Home holds a story, a narrative that transcends time and connects generations. It’s a tale of love, joy, and memories, waiting to be shared and treasured by your loved ones in the years to come. We don’t just create furniture. We create milestones and legacies. We believe that the objects we surround ourselves with shape our lives and leave a lasting impact.” Katrina Blanca de Leon



10 – Jericho de Jesus at 6th, Jan Avrahm Malonzo at 7th, Jazmine Leigh Cerezo at 9th, and Rhyann P. Garcia, 10th. The College of Nursing emerged Top 1 best performing school nationwide with 100% PR.
In the same month, AUF was best performing school in Central Luzon in the civil engineering LE with 88.89% PR for first time takers and 73.91% overall as against the NPR of 37.09%.
With overall PR of 90.76% as against the NPR of 58.25%, AUF was Top 1 best performing school nationwide in the Oct. 2024 physicians LE, a feat made more remarkable with the exam’s getting one of the lowest NPRs in recent history.
Multiple honors anew in the August 2024 professional examinations.
AUF’s Keiner Rosh A.

with the NPR at 69.47%.
Perfect 100% PR the school achieved in the psychologists LE.
In the psychometricians LE, Mary Ann B. Felker emerged Top 8 and Patricia Isabel Jurado, Top 10.
Another 100% PR in the May 2024 nursing LE, with AUF’s Martina Ampy Soldevilla landing Top 7.
Again, 100% PR in the certified public accountants LE of May 2024, the NPR a measly 30.28%.
Still no stopping the passing perfection of 100 at the April 2024 pharmacists LE among first time takers, and 80% overall.
Yes, also a 100% passing rate in the March 2024 LE for teachers.
Top 8 best performing school nationwide in the March 2024 medical technologists LE with a PR of 97.77 %.

the recurring refrain of the Commission on Higher Education in its long-playing congratulatory laudations to the Angeles University Foundation.
The achievements of its alumni make the crowning glory of the university, so it has long been cliched. So trite that it has become a truism at AUF. A 2024 sampling:
Atty. Marie France C. Tiatco, SOL 2016, appointed Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs, Department of Transportation.
Reden F. Galang, BSN Batch 2008, named the Best Infection Prevention and Control Nurse in the Philippines for Level 3 Hospitals by the Philippine Hospital Association.
Engr. Christopher M. Vitug, BSCE Batch 2001, recognized as Outstanding Project Manager 2024 - Innovator of the Year

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SK-PH baseball charity game strengthens community ties

CLARK, PHILIPPINES—The recently concluded SK-PH Baseball Charity Game, held on March 22 at The Villages at Global Clark, brought together high school students from San Manuel High School in Tarlac and members of the Freestyle Baseball Team from South Korea for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie.

Organized by Chairman Shin Sung Hwan of the Freestyle Baseball Team, Principal Tito Ariola of San Manuel High School, and

become scholars at universities and professional athletes," he said. Chairman Shin expressed the Freestyle team's dedication to supporting the school's baseball program, saying, "Here, the players are not professionals—they have their own jobs and play baseball as a hobby. Of course, every year, we plan to return and support San Manuel High School.

This game strengthens our connection and allows us to give back." In addition, the Freestyle

'My Scholar' helps 5-K college students in CSF

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Each of 2,500 college students received P5,000 in educational allowance from mayoralty aspirant Mynyn Pineda-Cayabyab during the “My Scholar” awarding ceremony held Saturday at the LGC Center here.

Another batch of 2,500 students were set to receive the same assistance on Sunday. Coming from the 35 barangays in the city, all the recipients are students in both public and private colleges and universities.

“We do not discriminate; everyone is eligible for assistance. Sometimes, students in private schools struggle to pay their fees and even miss their exams,” Pineda-Cayabyab explained, recalling a mother who approached her for help in covering her child’s balance to allow the student to take the exam. “I sent my staff to the school to settle the remaining balance so the student could take her exam.”

Another student expressed her desire to join the My Scholar Program while attending a caucous with her stroke-afflicted father.

“I admire these students for their determination to pursue their education,” Pineda-Cayabyab said. “I genuinely want to help them.”

The My Scholar program is funded through

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MINUTES OF THE 115th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 4th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2025 HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, XEVERA, BRANGAY TABUN, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

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Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda - Member
Hon. Roland D. Peña - Member
Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon - Member
Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito - Member

ABSENT: Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee - Member
Hon. Jerry P. Magsino - Member (on leave)
Hon. Rey T. Pineda - Member
Hon. Paul Andre P. Tiongco - Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 54
Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 53(b) AND THE LAST PAR. THEREOF, ARTICLE XIV, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 60, SERIES OF 2016, ENTITLED: "THE NEW CHARTER OF MABALACAT CITY COLLEGE"

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2007, dated October 4, 2007 otherwise known as Mabalacat College Charter (now Mabalacat City College Charter) was enacted, leading to its creation and establishment;

WHEREAS, in 2007, in order to support the establishment and operation of Mabalacat College (now Mabalacat City College) in its initial stage, a three percent (3%) appropriation in the budget was provided to be allocated out of the proceeds of collections from the General Funds, IRA (now National Tax Allotment or NTA), market stall fees and other local fees collected by the City of Mabalacat (then Municipality) in favor of Mabalacat College;

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

HON. CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO

WHEREAS, on 23rd of December 2016, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City enacted City Ordinance No. 60, series of 2016, creating the "New Charter of Mabalacat City College" amending and repealing for the purpose Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2007;

WHEREAS, in order to further advance and bolster the Mabalacat City College's operational and infrastructural development, the above-mentioned amendment increased the provision of budget allocation from three percent (3%) to five percent (5%) under its New Charter;

WHEREAS, sometime on August 3, 2017, by virtue of R.A. 10931, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Unified Student Financial System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) program of the Government was established and implemented in 2018 which subsidizes local schools and colleges in their operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, with the onset of CHED UniFAST provisions, it relatively eased the burden on the part of the LGU in the funding of the Mabalacat City College;

WHEREAS, the five percent (5%) allocation to the Mabalacat City College may now be revisited to suit the operational and financial viability of the College thereby maintaining its growth and development;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to amend Section 53 of the Mabalacat City College ordinance to adjust the 5% allocation, recognizing that the college is now well-established and operational;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of City Ordinance No. 60, series of 2016, Mabalacat City College is likewise declared a "Local Economic Enterprise" with the intent to operate independently and sustainably through its generated revenue;

WHEREAS, the CHED UniFAST tuition fee charged by the Mabalacat City College, being one of the lowest in the country, is not sufficient to withstand its operation;

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

HON. CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO

Date: 10/22/24

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MINUTES OF THE 134TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 4TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2025 HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT THE MABALACAT CITY HALL ANNEX, CLARKFIELD, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
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ABSENT: Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. - Member
Hon. Cherry D. Manalo - Member
Hon. Rey T. Pineda - Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 62
Series of 2025

ORDINANCE REZONING THE LAND USE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND WITH TOTAL AREA OF 882 SQUARE METERS LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN FRANCISCO, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA WITH TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (TCT) NOS. 045-2018005640 AND 045-2018005641 FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL IN THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. - This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance rezoning the land use of certain parcels of land with total area of 882 square meters located in Barangay San Francisco, Mabalacat City, Pampanga with Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) Nos. 045-2018005640 and 045-2018005641 from residential to commercial in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of Mabalacat City, Pampanga."

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

HON. CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO

HON. MARJORIE GRACE M. SAMBO
HON. TIMOTHY PAUL A. LLANOS DEE
HON. VICTOR D. TIGLAO II
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HON. ROLAND D. PEÑA
HON. JERRY P. MAGSINO
HON. CARLO FRANCIS B. DIZON

HON. PAUL ANDRE P. TIONGCO

HON. RUVIELANE S. MARGARITO

Section 2. – This Ordinance shall only cover the rezoning of the land use from residential to commercial of the 882 square meter land located in Barangay San Francisco, Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

Section 3. This rezoning shall be reflected in City Ordinance No. 71, Series of 2018, Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Mabalacat City.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, signing and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 12th day of February 2025 on motion of Hon. Roland D. Peña, duly seconded by Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIAN ON February 12, 2025.


Aileen G. Peña
SP Secretary


ATTESTED BY:

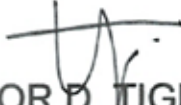
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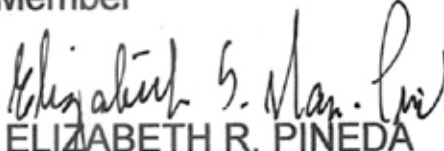

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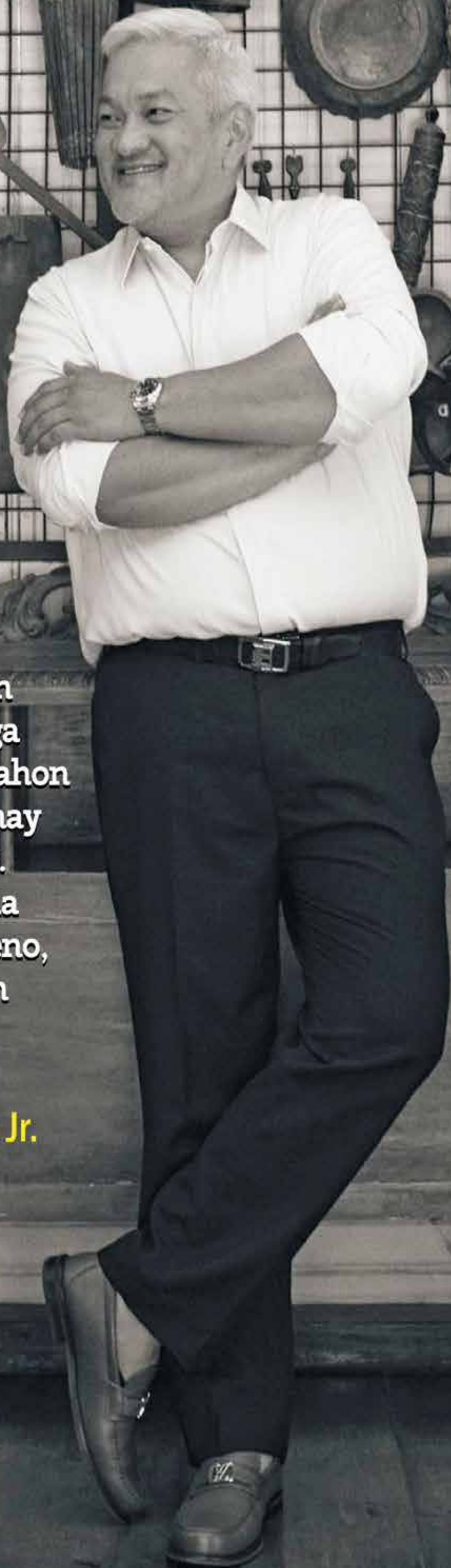
It's truly inspiring to see a remarkable leader like you recognized for your contributions, especially during Women's Month. As last year's Man of the Year, I'm thrilled to see a deserving woman take the spotlight this year. Your dedication is commendable, and I look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will continue to achieve.



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BINGOPLUS, your comprehensive digital entertainment platform in the country, presented the delegates of Miss Universe Philippines 2025 in an exclusive press conference. The media event introduced the 59 candidates on March 13 and 14, 2025 at Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Quezon City.

Some of the country's prominent media outlets were present at the conference. That being said, the brand's media partners had the opportunity to get to know the stunning ladies as they answered some important questions.

BingoPlus has been a key sponsor of the MUPH organization for the past two years. Last year, the brand supported Chelsea Manalo on her journey from the national to the global stage. Nevertheless, BingoPlus remained at the forefront of supporting the dream-making pageantry.

Hence, the candidates shared their enthusiasm with BingoPlus sponsoring this year's MUPH. When asked how important it is for big brands to support the organization, they answered that it empowers them and enables them to do more in the competition. Knowing that they are being supported by a reliable brand, their goals are within reach.

Moreover, the two-day

event accommodated the beauty queens in batches. A considerable amount of time was given to the women to express themselves, provide insight into their stories, and share their advocacy.

This year's candidates, who are representing their respective hometowns, made quite remarkable statements. Not only are they beautiful and stunning in appearance, they are also intelligent and quick-witted.

The ladies also demonstrated sisterhood and what female empowerment looks like. Emphasizing that although they are competing with each other, they value the bond they have created. In this manner, the queens are engaged in healthy competition, aiming for one goal: the crown.

Furthermore, various media outlets shared the happenings on their social media pages and website with the use of official hashtags #BPMUPH2025 #BPWinLikeAQueen and #SobrangFilipina.

Thus, the passionate delegates shared their excitement for the coronation night. Their preparation for the most anticipated event has paid off and they are now ready to shine. Watch the magic unfolding at Miss Universe Philippines 2025 Coronation Night on May 2, 2025 at SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay.



Several candidates for Miss Universe Philippines 2025 posing at the presscon hosted by BingoPlus.



MUPH 2025 candidates answering some questions from the media during the press conference hosted by BingoPlus.

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NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **GEDDAHLYN SALAC QVIST**, married of legal age, Filipino and with postal address at Pulung Cacutud, Angeles City; and heirs of **SALINA CUNANAN SALAS** who died on December 19, 2024 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 37, Blk. 101 of the subdivision plan Psd-035401-05-0828, being a portion of Lot 122-E-1-A-2, Psd-035401-049894, L.R.C. Rec. No.) with the improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Pulong Maragul, City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Hundred Thirty Four (134) Square meters more or less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 189454, Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 1843, Page No. 73, Book No. 122, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODOLFO ELEJAS ALMEDA** who died on March 22, 2004 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18, Blk. 76 of the Subd. Plan, Psd-035401-050828, being a portion of Lot 122-E-1-A-2, Psd-035401-049894, L.R.C Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Bo. of Pulong Maragul, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Ninety (90) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 189036, Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 6537, Page No. 13, Book No. 119, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARTURO R. PAGCU SR.**, who died on March 24, 2024; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate and more particularly described as a follows;

TRANFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 429880-R
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 1-L-2, PSD-03-010064;
PORTION OF: LOT 1-L, PSD-03-008743;
LOCATION: BARRIO OF MAISAC, MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA,
AREA: ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (1,113) SQUARE METERS

Before Notary Public Apollo Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 137, Page No. 29, Book No. CCXXXIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **RUTH RICO RIVERA**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, widow, and a resident of Phase 1, Holy Angel Subdivision, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and heirs of **ALBINO GAMBOA RIVERA** who died on June 14, 2024 in Sacred Heart Medical Center, Mac Arthur Highway, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2013017003, of the Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga, Lot No. 11, Block 6, Plan No. Pcs-03-008167, Portion of Lots 1-F-1 to 1-F-4, Psd-03-035258 & Lot 1, Pcs-03-007749, situated in Bos. Of Panlinlang & San Roque, Mun. of Arayat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Four Hundred Seven (407) Square Meters; before Notary Public Apollo Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 136, Page No. 29, Book No. CCXXXIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JULIETA PINGUL LUSUNG**, who died on March 5, 2002 residing at Alaska at the time of her death; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 50101

LOT NO.: Lot 18 Block 8 PLAN NO.: (LRC) Psd-51742
PORTION OF: Lot 702-A PLAN NO.: (LRC) Psd-48796
LOCATION: Barrio of Pampang & Anunas, City of Angeles, Pampanga
LOT AREA: Two Hundred (200) square meters more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 54238

LOT NO.: Lot 27 Block 9 PLAN NO.: (LRC) Psd-66539
PORTION OF: Lot 702-B PLAN NO.: (LRC) Psd-48796
LOCATION: Barrio of Pampang City of Angeles, Pampanga
LOT AREA: Three Hundred Seventy Five (375) square meters more or Less

before Notary Public Rodolfo T. Tobias, as per Doc. No. 268, Page No. 31, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NESTOR SR. M. BASCO** who died on April 28, 1990 in the City of Angeles and **VIRGINIA C. BASCO** who died on February 4, 2003 in the City of Angeles, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land with existing improvements thereon situated at No. 1155 Peralta Street, Lourdes Sur East, Angeles City, Philippines containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 62932 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Carlota Dela-Cruz Manalo, as per Doc. No. 381, Page No. 78, Book No. 104, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **COMMEMORACION ENRIQUEZ PERALTA** who died on May 8, 2020, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1205, of the cad. Survey of Porac with the improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of Manibaug Libutad, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Forty Eight (348) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 161270-R; before Notary Public Princess L. Buan, as per Doc. No. 230, Page No. 15, Book No. CXX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES ALFONSO PETALVER ORFINADA JR.** and **ESPERANZA PERRAL ORFINADA** who both died intestate at AUF Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga on May 13, 1995 and April 8, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 13, Block 1 of the subdivision plan Psd-48264, being a portion of Lot 684-A-2-B described on plan Psd-43113, LRC G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Seventy (270) square meters; before Notary Public Carlo Eduardo D. Evangelista, as per Doc. No. 387, Page No. 66, Book No. XXV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 17, 24 & 31, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NERISSA VILLANUEVA HORNE** who died on April 24, 1994 in Makati City, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 231919-R
Registry of Deeds for the Pampanga

"A parcel of land (Lot 2415-B, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-152184, being a portion of Lot 2415, San Fdo., Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 138), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Lucia, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp., containing an area of Four Hundred Forty (440) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 268184-R
Registry of Deeds for the Pampanga

"A parcel of land (Lot 2415-A, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-152184, being a portion of Lot 2415, San Fdo., Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 138), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Lucia, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp., containing an area of Four Hundred Seven (407) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, JD, REB, as per Doc. No. 534, Page No. 59, Book No. LIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 24, 31 & April 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FORTUNATO N. DIZON** who died on January 12, 2004 in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being H-64960, N. 73 deg. 03'W., 1294.82 m. from BLLM No. 8, Porac Cad. 156, thence N.59 deg. 55'E., 111.43 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 86 deg. 48'E. 152.17 m. to pt. 3; Containing an area of 2.5707 has Pts. 1,2, and 5 by B.L. Cycl. Conc. Mons. Pts. 3 by nail in tree; pts. 1 and 5 by bank of Sapang Balgugan on the North by Public Land; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 7726-R.P., Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, JD, R.E.B, as per Doc. No. 381, Page No. 29, Book No. LIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEJANDRO BOGNOT TAPNIO** who died on March 10, 2011 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and at the time of his death, he is an awardee of a house and lot unit situated at Block 16, Lot 5, Bulaon Resettlement, Brgy. Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 375, Page No. 76, Book No. LXXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEX BASCON ARGAO** who died on August 23, 2024 in the University of California Irvine Medical Center, Orange Country, 101 The City Drive South, California, United States of America (USA); executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 3-A of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-32624, being a portion of Lot 3, Block 14, (LRC) Psd-31390, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Malabanas, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty Nine (289) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 117204045-2023003965, Registry of Deeds of Angeles City; before Notary Public Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, JD, R.E.B, as per Doc. No. 389, Page No. 30, Book No. LIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. LEONILA F. MAGLAQUI** and **ENRIQUE L. MAGLAQUI SR.** who died on July 30, 2016 and September 24, 2017 at Angeles City & Anchorage, Alaska, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 35, Block 1 of the subd. plan (LRC), Psd-48978, being a portion of Lot 630-A-2 Psd-15855, L.R.C. (GLRO) Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Four Hundred Eighty Seven (487) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 65629 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Peter Anthony S. Mallari, as per Doc. No. 112, Page No. 39, Book No. XLV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PIUS RODOLFO MANALANSAN VENZON** who died on June 09, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Undivided Portion of Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 142-B-10 of the Subd. Plan, Psd-03-170765, being a portion of Lot 142-B, Psd-03-115169, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three (2783) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 707696-R, Registry of Deeds of San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public MyCarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 2667, Page No. 102, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 10, 17 & 24, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROGELIO P. SARMIENTO** who died on July 01, 1996 at Dubai, United Arab Emirates; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 136821-R
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot 421-A-1, of the subd. Plan, Psd-223524, being a portion of Lot 421-A, Psd-13259, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 372- situated in the Barrio of Salu, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Two (3,362) Square Meters, more or less, Registered in the name of Rogelio Sarmiento married to Bonifacia Lapid;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 154230-R
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot 3-G, of the subd. Plan, Psd-03-000597, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Psd-68477, L.R.C. Rec. No. 301) situated in the Bo of San Agustin, Mun. of San Fdo, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Four Hundred (400) Square Meters, more or less, Registered in the name of Spouses Rogelio P. Sarmiento married to Bonifacia Lapid;

before Notary Public Peter Anthony T. Mallari, as per Doc. No. 30, Page No. 6, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2025.

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efforts to improve production are crucial to the local industry because, while Zambales is known for producing the fastest mango fruits in the country, the province produces only 2.3 tons of mangoes per hectare, which is way below the national average of 12 tons per hectare.

“We’re now aiming for 12 tons, too,” the governor pointed out. “This is the more important, and more difficult, part of sustaining the mango industry because we have to exponentially increase quantity without sacrificing quality to make local mangoes more competitive.”

Ebdane stressed that while product promotion has been going on in decades with the annual mango festival, “it was only last year under the Zambales Mango Green Valley Project that serious product development through modern production techniques started under a province-wide program.”

Engr. Domingo Mariano, who heads the technical working group for the Zambales Mango Industry Council (ZMIC), said three pilot areas were established to introduce new production technology to local growers.

Last December, the provincial government released P6.4 million to the SMZ under a conditional assistance program to set the collaboration project in motion, Mariano said.

SMZ president Enrico Batungbacal said the cash assistance was used for pre-spray clearing, flower induction, chemical application, fruit bagging, irrigation and fertilization, security, and harvesting at the pilot farms.

The provincial government through the provincial agriculture office, along with ZMIC and SMZ, will also initiate Phase 3 of the project next year to propagate scions and seedlings of the Sweet Elena variety from Sta. Cruz, Zambales. This variety was named in 1995 by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world’s sweetest.

Ebdane added that under Phase 3, a mango training center and a post-harvest processing facility are being established under a usufruct agreement with the Region 3 Mango Stakeholders Association, Inc. These facilities, awarded under the Department of Agriculture’s High Value Crops Development Program, will enhance mango farming education, improve post-harvest handling, and elevate production standards in Zambales.

“The Mango Green Valley Project will be a continuing program, and already, we are considering a marketing component that will include branding, product exportation, as well as greenhouse cultivation,” Ebdane said. “We will be constantly refining and updating this program as we go along.”

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Romero cited DOTr Secretary Vince Dizon for his tireless dedication in resolving transport related challenges. “His proactive leadership, marked by immediate coordination with NLEX management, shows a deep understanding of the plight of our commuters and motorists.”

“Secretary Vince’s relentless efforts to find solutions amid crises reaffirm our confidence in the DOTr’s commitment to serving the Filipino people. Equally deserving of praise is the NLEX Corp. for its sensitivity and timely response to the call for public relief.” Romero furthered. “By heeding the appeal of the DOTr, NLEX has demonstrated a commendable level of corporate responsibility and civic empathy.”

The business leader appealed to NLEX to facilitate the completion of the repair of the Marilao Bridge before the coming Holy Week. “This would greatly ease the travel of thousands of Filipinos journeying to their provinces to be with their families during this important time of reflection and tradition.”

“This toll relief is more than just a temporary waiver it is a symbol of public-private synergy working in harmony for the greater good. We look forward to the continued progress in the repair works and the eventual full restoration of the Marilao Bridge. Until then, let us support and extend our patience to the hardworking teams on the ground,” Romero said.

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