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Happy New Year!

2026

Capitol, DSWD play Santa to indigent IP communities

FLORIDABLANCA, Pampanga – Songs of joy and dances of merriment welcomed Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, and Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rex Gatchalian in Barangays Mawacat and Nabuclod here on Dec. 22 bringing gifts of cash, Noche Buena goodies, and other essentials to 1,412 Aeta residents.

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Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian and Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda get warm welcome from Nabuclod Aetas.

PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA



Towering puppets take to the streets of Sta. Ana

STA. ANA, PAMPANGA – Gaiety and fun swept this town as giant puppets made of bamboo slats, papier-mâché, and other recyclable materials took to the streets in the 13th Majigangga Festival that opened on Dec. 22.

townspeople taking after “Pimpin,” the old name of Sta. Ana. Majigangga is itself derived from the Spanish mojigangas that symbolized evil spirits banished at the birth of Christ.

Running until Dec. 30, the festival showcases a diverse array of events that spotlight the community’s

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AC wins presidential awards for child-friendly governance



ANGELES CITY – Two major distinctions in the 2025 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities (PACFMC) have been bestowed upon this city, affirming its sustained commitment to advancing child-friendly local governance and protecting the welfare of Angeles children.

The city was cited as a national finalist and declared regional winner for its effective institutionalization

of child-centered policies, programs, and services during the PACFMC awarding ceremony held on Dec. 22 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City with plaques of recognition conferred by the Council for the Welfare of Children and the Department of Social Welfare and Development led by Secretary Rex Gatchalian.

Mayor Carmelo
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DSWD Pag-abot Processing Center binuksan sa Kapitolyo

LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO – Pormal nang pinasinyayaan ang bagong Pag-Abot Processing

Center ng Department of Social Welfare and Development sa Capitol Compound nitong Dec. 2.

Pinangunahan ang pagbubukas ng pasilidad nina DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian, Gov.

Lilia "Nanay" Pineda, at DSWD Region 3 director Venus Rebuldela.

Gaya ng nakasaad sa

pangalan nito, ang center ay literal na paglalipit sa mga nangangailangan at naglalayong tulungan ang mga taong walang tirahan, palaboy, at pulubi; bigyang kalinga ang mga batang lansangan, biktima ng pang-aabuso, at iba pang nasa panganib at ihanda silang makabangon at makabalik sa mas maayos na pamumuhay.

Kabilang sa mga serbisyon iniaalok ng Pag-Abot Processing Center ang pansamantalang tirahan; pagkain at pangunahing panganagailangan; serbisyon medikal at psychosocial; assessment at case management; referral sa edukasyon, kabuhayan,

o pangmatagalang shelter; at family tracing at reintegration, kung ito ay possible.

Maaaring tumanggap ng tulong mula sa center ang mga taong natutulog sa lansangan, mga batang lansangan, mga na-rescue sa anti-mendicancy at rescue operations, iba pang indibidwal na nangangailangan ng agarang tulong

Ang DSWD Pag-Abot Processing Center ay nagsisilbing pansamantalang kanlungan at sentro ng kalinga para sa mga taong nasa lansangan at iba pang bulnerableng sektor ng lipunan. **Pampanga PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina**



P850-M land debt relief, titling boost livelihood of Aurora farmers

BALER, AURORA – Improved economic stability impacted farming households in Aurora with the government condoning over P850 million in land amortization debts of 73 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), easing financial burdens and allowing farmers to focus on productivity and family welfare.

Implemented under RA 11953 (New Agrarian Emancipation Act), the land debt condonation program cleared unpaid amortizations, including interests and penalties, formally freeing beneficiaries from obligations tied to the land they till.

Hugging her land title, a grateful farmer-beneficiary Ermelinda Tatel of Casiguran town treasured it as a source of long-term security that allows her family to invest in education, livelihood, and future

stability.

Department of Agrarian Reform-Region 3 Land Tenure Services head Illuminado Ocampo urged beneficiaries to value their land titles and sustain farming as a viable enterprise, noting the years farmers waited to secure individual ownership.

Alongside the debt relief, DAR awarded 21 individual land titles covering 17.5 hectares to 20 farmer-beneficiaries under the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project, strengthening tenurial security and encouraging long-term agricultural investment.

DAR-Aurora provincial agrarian reform program officer Josephine Aguinaldo encouraged beneficiaries to use their savings to enhance farm

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Gov. Daniel R. Fernando and PNP chief Lt. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez, Jr. doing ocular inspection of pyrotechnics stores in Bocaue, Bulacan. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Coop for small-scale pyrotechnics entrepreneurs pushed

BOCAUE, BULACAN – The Bulacan Provincial Government, Philippine National Police, and the Pyrotechnics Regulatory Board are pushing for the establishment of a cooperative among small-scale pyrotechnics entrepreneurs to ensure strict enforcement of regulations governing the industry.

This was disclosed by Gov. Daniel R. Fernando during a recent ocular inspection of the display area for fireworks and firecrackers in Barangay Turo here.

Fernando stressed that the formation of a cooperative will foster job security among the workers of legitimate pyrotechnics manufacturers.

He said the industry is not limited to merely welcoming every new year but also important events and large occasions, thereby needing the adherence to stronger regulations that a cooperative can ensure.

"Ang maliliit na negosyante ang pinakapektado ng regulasyon. Kaya, isinusulong natin ang pagbuo ng koop-

eratiba ng mga small players ng pyro industry. Sa maliliit na negosyante, napapadali ang access sa puhunan, at tulong ng gobyerno, at mas nagiging organisado at ligtas ang produksyon," enthused Fernando.

On the coming New Year, PNP acting chief Lt. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez, Jr. said a stronger inter-agency collaboration has been forged to minimize accidents caused by firecrackers.

"Naniniwala ako sa team ng Bulacan, naniniwala ako na sa

pakikagtulungan ng mga stakeholders, maiwasan ang sakuna at magiging mas regulated ang celebrasyon ng bagong taon," said Nartatez.

Meanwhile, the public was urged anew to avoid illegal firecrackers such as Kabase, Bin Laden, Tuna, Kingkong, Kwiton Bomb, Atomic Bomb, Plapla, Piccolo, Dart Bomb, Coke in Can, Giant Atomic, Goodbye Philippines, Goodbye Chismosa, Carina, Ulysses, Yolanda, and Pepito. **PIA-3**

P122-M smuggled cigarettes seized

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Some P122-million worth of smuggled cigarettes were seized in a series of police operations in San Simon, Pampanga on Christmas Day.

The illegal cigarettes were initially discovered inside an Isuzu truck flagged down by members of the Regional Highway Patrol Unit 3 and the Highway Patrol Group (HPG) Special Operations Division-Task Force Limas along Quezon Road on Dec. 25, said PNP-HPG director

BGen. Hansel Marantan.

The truck was initially stopped for traffic violations, including its use of an unauthorized plate, defective tail light, and the driver not wearing a seatbelt.

During the inspection, the driver voluntarily opened the truck's back door, revealing boxes of contraband cigarettes concealed on pallets. The driver and his helper were immediately arrested.

RHP Unit 3 chief Col. Joel Mendoza said at least 30 boxes of smuggled Modern cigarettes

were found inside the truck.

Follow-up operations on Dec. 26 led authorities to a warehouse at the Global Aseana Business Park in Barangay San Pablo Libutad, San Simon where additional 1,500 boxes of smuggled cigarettes were discovered. The seized brands included Modern, JN, Carnival, and Journey.

Police said investigation is ongoing to identify those behind the illegal shipment and possible violations of customs and tax laws. **PNP-HPG/File photo of seized smuggled**

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To the Point

Facing the next challenge: May the force be with us

GUARDING THE implementation of the proposed P6.7-trillion 2026 national budget will be "the next challenge" for the public as consequence to its vigilance on the budget deliberations this year.

Thus, spoke Senate President Pro Tempore Panfilo "Ping" Lacson in a radio interview on Dec. 28, noting that "the 2026 budget will show if there is indeed reform for our government and our nation."

"The same vigilance showed by the public led by the Catholic Church, religious groups, and civil society organizations must be maintained in watching over the budget's implementation," enthused Lacson. "We must learn from the lessons of corruption in the budgets of 2025 and prior years."

He said the Senate has included several general and special provisions to serve as safety nets and safeguards in the execution of next year's budget, among which is disallowing guarantee letters "and any form of 'epal' for all 'ayudas,'" referring to assistance released in the name of politicians.

The Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients (MAIFIP), which critics have said could be used as political "pork," should be implemented according to the government's Universal Health Care program and law, according to Lacson.

The Senate has also required monthly oversight on the implementation of infrastructure and farm-to-market roads, which should include "grid coordinates for easy monitoring by media and the public."

The 2026 budget deliberation was placed under the strictest public scrutiny following the uncovering of the multi-billion-peso worth of anomalous flood control projects allegedly involving hundreds of lawmakers, public officials, and private contractors.

The bicameral conference committee meetings, where the majority of the anomalous projects were previously inserted in the budget, were livestreamed this year to ensure transparency.

Lacson called on the public to help in flagging wrongdoings in the implementation of 2026 budget, as there are only 24 members of the Senate who he said "share his reform-minded mentality."

"[W]e should have the support of many Filipinos. So, I will say, may the force be with us," Lacson said. **From ABS-CBN News**

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Opinion



Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

What a year 2025 has been

POPE FRANCIS declared 2025 a Year of Hope.

And yet, it was also the year he died—leaving the Church in mourning even as we welcomed a new shepherd in Pope Leo.

For many Filipinos, it did not feel like a year of hope at all.

We witnessed horrors long buried finally surface—the unresolved anguish of the missing sabungeros, the families of drug war victims still waiting for justice, and flood-control projects meant to save lives exposed instead as monuments to corruption.

We saw scenes of total disaster: communities stranded on rooftops, waiting for rescue; flash floods carrying thick mud and boulders into already crowded urban neighborhoods; cars piled up like matchboxes; homes shattered into rubble by earthquakes.

Beyond the visible destruction, there was quieter devastation too—we heard the cries of parents watching their families unravel under the grip of online gambling addiction, a disaster without floodwaters or fault lines, but no less ruinous.

We saw power fracture in strange and unsettling ways:

a former president arrested abroad for crimes against humanity;
an impeachment that died without a trial;
political dynasties shaken but not dismantled;
siblings turning against siblings in full public view;
a national budget that raised more questions than confidence.

The streets filled with protests.

Institutions faltered.

Public trust thinned.

And yet—if we listen carefully—this is precisely

where hope must be located.

As the French philosopher Gabriel Marcel once said, hope is not optimism. It is not the denial of darkness. True hope is born in the very moment when despair seems most logical—like light that shines brightest not at noon, but at midnight.

Hope showed itself in small but real ways this year:

in journalists who refused silence,
in citizens who kept watch,
in voters who surprised the powerful,
in families who refused to forget their dead,
in a people who, despite exhaustion, still ask:
Can we be better than this?

Hope is fragile.

But it is stubborn.

Perhaps 2025 did not feel like a Year of Hope because hope, when it is real, is never comfortable. It demands vigilance, memory, moral courage. And the refusal to surrender our future to cynicism.

As we move forward, may we remember: hope is not what we feel when things go well—it is what we choose when they do not.

May the darkness of this year not extinguish us, but teach us why hope still matters.

May our God of surprises—born as a fragile little Child in a stable in Bethlehem, shining as a bright light in the midst of darkness—surprise us again with hope where we least expect it.

Merry Christmas!



Holistic Living

Riza Shanti Lim

Learn to Unlearn A Gentle Reset for a Happier 2026

FOR THOSE seeking meaningful change and a happier 2026, here are gentle reminders to guide your inner reset:

Unlearn rushing.

Not everything needs to happen now. Growth unfolds in its own season. Like planting a seed, you cannot command it to grow or bear fruit on demand. Trust the flow of nature. When you nurture yourself, tend to your environment, and learn to detoxify both mind and body, you cultivate a positive frequency—and in time, a year full of abundance naturally unfolds.

Unlearn self-criticism.

Replace negative inner dialogue with compassion. Speak to yourself as you would to someone you deeply care for. Recognize your weak points and gently address them. Believe in your progress and in your ability, even when the mind insists otherwise. Affirm you can do it.

Unlearn the need to please.

Your worth is not measured by the approval of others. Boundaries are acts of self-respect. Serve your own needs first—you cannot give what you do not possess. Pleasing is not kindness, it often stems from insecurity. Do things because you genuinely enjoy them, not to gain applause or validation.

Unlearn the fear of rest.

Rest is not laziness—it is restoration. Stillness sharpens clarity, enhances focus, and renews strength. Caring for yourself should be one of your highest priorities. Be kind to others, but most especially to yourself. Like anyone else, you need recovery from life's challenges.

Unlearn comparison.

Your path is not meant to mirror anyone else's. Honor your own rhythm. You are authentically unique and inherently worthy. Fix your attention on your own flow and discover how to refine it, guided by your inner knowing.

Unlearn holding on.

Release what no longer nourishes you—habits, beliefs, and relationships that dim your light. Like water cascading through the ocean without pausing or looking back, allow life to move forward. Everything has its timing. Just as the sun and the moon take turns to shine, joy and trials arrive in their own seasons. The past belongs to history, the future is still unfolding. Learn to live in the now, care for yourself, and do good—your future takes shape through what you choose today.

Unlearn living on autopilot.

Choose presence. Awareness is the doorway to change. If all material things were stripped away, who would remain? Those are the people to value—now and always. Teach yourself to slow down. Break monotony by inviting moments that uplift your spirit.

May 2026 invite you to shed what weighs you down and return lighter, clearer, healthier, and more aligned with who you truly are—welcoming harmonious love, effortless abundance, and holistic happiness all year long.

Happy New Year!



Ad Lib
Rey Yumang

Opinion

A different Resolution List for 2026

BACK IN grade school, the return to classes after the holidays always came with a familiar ritual: a theme-writing exercise titled "My New Year's Resolution." We wrote earnestly about being kinder, studying harder, obeying our parents more faithfully. For a few weeks, at least, we tried. We behaved better, spoke softer, and walked carefully around our promises until real life slowly caught up with us.

Every January, Filipinos are told to do pretty much the same. Look forward. Hope. Pray. Be patient. This advice is recycled annually like fruitcake; it starts off as well-meaning, becomes stale, and then increasingly hard to swallow.

Meanwhile, if there is one tradition that remains stubbornly undefeated, it would be our erring lawmakers, tone-deaf officials, and government agencies that treat public office like a lifetime all-access pass to incompetence. Perhaps this year, instead of making resolutions for ourselves, we should make a list for them. Not the press-release kind of resolve, but the uncomfortable, soul-searching variety.

Resolution No. 1: Learn the difference between power and service.

Public office is not a family heirloom, nor a retirement plan, nor a shield against accountability. It is not a backstage pass to luxury SUVs, overseas junkets, or perpetual entitlement. The moment an official has to ask whether a decision benefits the people or their patrons, the resolution has already been broken.

Resolution No. 2: Read the room, and the law.

There is something almost admirable, in a tragic way, about officials who quote the Constitution as if it were a buffet. Human rights when convenient. Fiscal discipline when cameras are rolling. Transparency only when a scandal becomes too loud to ignore. A radical idea for 2026? Follow the law even when it is inconvenient, especially when it limits ambition.

Resolution No. 3: Stop confusing noise with leadership.

We are exhausted by officials who mistake volume for vision and viral sound bites for governance. Real leadership is often boring. It involves long meetings, quiet study, hard data, and decisions that never trend online. If an official's loudest achievement is a headline rather than a measurable improvement in people's lives, perhaps silence would be an upgrade.

Resolution No. 4: Never treat public funds as personal money.

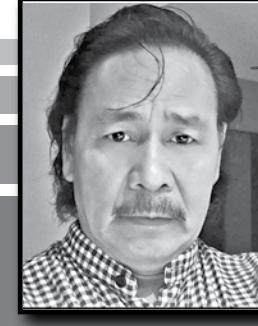
Have you noticed how casually officials say, "This is taxpayers' money," moments before spending it like Monopoly cash? Imagine if every peso were treated as something earned by an overworked commuter, a minimum-wage earner, or an overseas Filipino far from home. Ghost projects might vanish. Substandard infrastructure might suddenly improve. As it turns out, accountability is very expensive only when conscience is missing.

Resolution No. 5: Learn to say, "I was wrong."

In Philippine politics, apologies are rarer than smooth traffic. Mistakes are denied, buried, or blamed on subordinates. Yet accountability begins with humility. A genuine apology without any spin, excuses, or scapegoats might shock the nation; but it might even restore a sliver of trust.

As 2026 begins, Filipinos will once again resolve to be kinder, thrifter, and more hopeful. It is only fair that those in power do the same. Governance is not about surviving the next election cycle. It is about leaving the country better than you found it.

For our public officials, this is a resolution list worth keeping if anyone is even brave enough to try.



Napag-uusapan Lang
Marvel V. Garcia

E mu naku yatad

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Ing imalang sukat dalan at ding maulagang bage, mituklip na at midatuk king maletang paldas kule. Manangis ya ing pusū mung ditakditak mamamate uling karas ning masala mamun naku king kekang bie.

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Kapatda na ning dalumdum, king kayanakan ning abak, sulapo nakung pauli king labuad nung nu ku ibat. Ing kabud malakuan keka ing bakas na ning milabas, at ing kaplas a e tuki king malasak mung paninap.

Keti labuad da ring singkit at makibitis a sakang, balamu ing kapilan pa, mikit katang e sasarian. King metung a pamitupun da ring kabaleng mindayuan, mitagun ing kabud namū misiping kata luklukan.

Mekad pauli ning lungkut a maluat ku nang kasulu at king pamilyang milaut uli ning mangulila ku, kayabe ya karing sangkan ing manalipang leguan mu king pinandit murin ita dimdam kung sininta naku.

Bistaman e ku piglingad ing kakung kabilian king bie ing atin nakung pamilya tinggap mu nang malumane. Kayagum ning inampang kung lugud king pusu memale kinaul mu neng mabilug ing pangatau kung tune.

Ibat kanita ing sablā meging kule na ngan rosas King tula, ing pisulu ta, ala nang akatumbalas Ing sablā binie mu kaku, lugud, rispetu at oras Pirayit me ing isip mu a ini e na magwakas.

Masalusu lang minagus ding labing-metung a banua Panaun a king kakung bie iyang peka-maligaya E ku man nasang pupusan ing sayang aumpisan ta Dapot dinatang ing oras ban ing landas misagsag ya.

E mu sana pagkamalian ing e ku man manasakit Kalupa mu ing pusu ku manangis yang anggang binit Makanian man ding anak kung aldo't bengi kukulayit Ing aduan dang muli naku e ku agiung ipagkait.

Alang dapat parsalan nung e ing maimut a palad Gewa na pang mikit kata king panaung e na sukat Tanam mu king kekang isip ing liguran da kang tapat Ala kung sisian ditak man kening bawal tang arapat.

Potang lumual ku king pasbul ban e na magbalik sinta E mu naku sana atad at malaguā meng isara Uling ustung asuglapan ku ing lua king kekang mata Pota e naku mitakbang at e naku milako pa.

Neng PL Rodel E. Gozum



KOMENTARYO

Komisyong walang ngipin sa gitna ng katiwalian

Alex S. Cauguiran

Komisyong walang ngipin sa gitna ng katiwalian

MULA PA sa simula, ang Independent Commission on Infrastructure (ICI) ay isang komisyong walang ngipin.

Walang subpoena power.

Walang contempt power.

Walang kapangyarihang magsampa ng kasos.

Hindi ito pagkukulang—ito ang mismong disenyo.

Nilikha ang ICI hindi para panagutin ang mga sangkot sa katiwalian, lalo na sa Department

of Public Works and Highways at malalaking infrastructure projects, kundi para patahimikan ang galit ng mamamayan. Pampalubag-loob, hindi hustisya.

Mas masakit pa, nagmayabang ang ilang opisyal na bago mag-Pasko ay may "big fish" nang makukulong. Lumipas ang Pasko—wala ni isa. Ang pangako ay nauwi sa katahimikan; ang kayabangan, sa kahiiyan.

Kaya hindi na nakapagtatake ang pagbibitiw

COMMENTARY

The urgency for an Independent People's Commission

KAILANGAN MAISABATAS ang [Independent People's Commission] para talagang ma-institutionalize at maging part ng law of the land para tuloy-tuloy. Kasi ad hoc lang yan [Independent Commission for Infrastructure], di permanent yan. Para nang sa ganoon mas may mandato."

Thus, Senate President Pro Tempore Ping Lacson underscored the urgency to

pass a law creating an IPC to succeed and institutionalize the ICI in the wake of the resignation of ICI Commissioner Rossana Fajardo Lacson in a radio interview over the weekend.

Fajardo tendered her resignation on Dec. 26 but effective Dec. 31, saying she had completed her assigned work. Fellow commissioner Rogelio Singson resigned

earlier this month.

Lacson said creating the IPC would address challenges faced by ICI commissioners, such as the lack of immunity from suit and the absence of power to cite persons in contempt.

"Ayaw nila mag-file ng complaint mismo, yan isang dahilan na wala silang immunity from suit — katakot-takot na countercharge ang maabutan

nila," he said.

Lacson also urged authorities to refrain from publicly specifying dates for charging or arresting those linked to anomalous infrastructure projects, warning that unfulfilled promises could lead to public disappointment. He said he has shared multiple pieces of evidence from his privilege speeches and Blue Ribbon Committee hearings

with the ICI, the Department of Justice, and the DPWH.

"Kung hindi sigurado, hindi dapat bitawan ng salita. Ngayon sabi nila pagdating ng Bagong Taon may makulong. Sino maniniwala kung di natupad unang pangako? May nakulong nga pero hindi ito gusto ng kababayan nating makitang ma-issue ng arrest warrant," Lacson said.

From media reports

PWDs get Media Noche packages, cash gifts from Red Pillars, Cong Pogi

ANGELES CITY – Persons with disability in Barangays Agapito Del Rosario and San Nicolas here received Media Noche packages on Dec. 29 from the Red Pillars Foundation, in partnership with the Office of 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. and in cooperation with the city's PWD Affairs Office.

Red Pillars provided the packages each worth P500 while Lazatin donated P1,000 financial gift to each of 116 PWDs in Agapito Del Rosario and 119 PWDs in San Nicolas via house-to-house distribution.

Red Pillars is a non-government organization headed by Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Right-of-Way and Site Acquisition IC Calaguas and Lazatin's chief political affairs officer Reina Manuel.

"We hope to be a con-

sistent source of goodness to our kababayans. We intend to do this every year to more families in Angeles City — our beloved hometown," Calaguas said.

"At the end of the day it's not how much you give, but the spirit of doing some-

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSEPH PORQUIREÑO SANCHEZ who died on November 28, 2025 at Floridablanca Doctor's Hospital, Inc.-Valdez, Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and left his ATM Card with Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) under Account No. 4304-0226-18 Cash and Carry Mall Makati Branch; before Notary Public Atty. Daniel Ben M. Custodio, as per Doc. No. 520, Page No. 105, Book No. 92, Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LEONORA ADRIANO VALDEZ who died on September 19, 2018 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

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MODEL YEAR: 2017
PLATE NO.: CAE3921

before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, JD, REB, as per Doc. No. 1561, Page No. 10, Book No. LVI, Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LUNITA CRUZ who died on August 28, 2025 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Unilateral Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025009496
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 3-E, PLAN NO: PSD-03-282525

PORTION OF: Lot 3 PSD-03-012696
LOACTION: Barangay of San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga, Island of Luzon

AREA: Five Hundred (500) Square Meters, more or less

before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 454, Page No. 92, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2025.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of RODOLFO S. SANGA who died on August 17, 2021 at Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 32, Blk. 11 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-127969, being a portion of Lot 1 (LRC) Pcs-10073 LRC (GLRC) Cad. Rec. No. 145) situated at Bo. Dolores, Mun. of San Fernando, Pampanga; containing an area of Four Hundred (400) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 65, Page No. 14, Book No. CVIII, Series of 2025.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Transportation
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for Extension of Validity
of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a Transport Network Vehicle Service,

JANETH P. ESCOTO
/Applicant

Case No.:2023-01076TNVS

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a Transport Network Vehicle Service within REGION III accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with use of ONE (1) unit/s, which certificate is valid up to April 02, 2026. In the application filed on November 17, 2025. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use or the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on February 03, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least FIVE (5) days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in REGION III.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

WITNESS the Honorable P/Gen, RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.), Regional Director, this 28th day of November 2026 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

/ctg
Copy furnished:
- Applicant/s: jpescoto14@gmail.com
- File

JUDE L. LAXA
Hearing Officer

NOTE: Please bring the original and photocopy of all the required documents
Kindly visit LTFRB website (ltfrb.gov.ph) for your reference.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 3, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that LORRAINE MICHELLE MARUCUT CLARK, of legal age, American citizen, married and a resident of 5190 Ashley Circle, Lisle, Illinois, 60532, USA; and heirs of SPS. DIONISIO R. MARUCUT, JR. AND AFRELIDA G. MARUCUT who died on January 10, 2021 and February 15, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 248064-R

A parcel of land (Lot 699-B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-340696, approved as a non-subd. project, being a portion of lot 699-B, Psd-03-003381; LRC Cad Rec. No. 344), situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp. xxx containing an area Eight Hundred One (881) Square meters, more or less, xxx

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 263886-R

A parcel of land (Lot 699-B-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-340696, approved as a non-subd. project, being a portion of lot 699-B, Psd-03-003381; LRC Cad Rec. No. 344), situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp. xxx containing an area Nine Hundred Forty Nine (949) Square meters, more or less, xxx

Notary Public Olahakeem Abode Muhammad, The State of ILLINOIS, as per No. A25rc138962, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of PATRICK H. SUNGA who died on July 22, 2024 at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and the deceased died intestate, without leaving any Last Will and Testament, and without any outstanding debt; The Deceased left the following property/ies, to wit:

- Saving account #005780016063 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch
- Saving account #105780075876 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch
- Saving account #105780415294 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch
- Time Deposit #357808344265 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch
- Treasury placement FXTN-2020 Deal#1190902 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch
- Treasury placement FXTN-2020 Deal#1191086 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Npo Mart Branch

We have agreed to waive our right and share in the aforementioned property/ies in favor of EMILIA G. SUNGA

before Notary Public Atty. Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 1395, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that PATRICK JAIG NEPOMUCENO, of legal age, with address at 13 St. Joseph Street, Villa Teresa, Angeles City, Pampanga, duly represented herein by his Attorney-in-Fact, Mr. Emmanuel Joseph M. Nepomuceno, of legal age, Filipino, with address at 13 Cauliflower Street, Valle Verde 5, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines; and heirs of MAMERTO G. NEPOMUCENO who died on March 30, 2002 and YOLANDA S. NEPOMUCENO who died on May 23, 2011; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing Three Over Twenty One (3/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 288, Page No. 97, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSE P. CORTEZ who died on March 10, 2017 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 21 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-4557, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 5-A-1, Psc-49213 and Lot 246, Angeles Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Cutut, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty One (251) square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 61650 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 40, Page No. 8, Book No. LXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ESTER DELA ROSA RUEDA** who died on July 20, 2022 at 380 Macapagal St., Sto. Cristo, Angeles City, Pampanga and **EMINIANO DELA ROSA** who died on March 11, 2002 at Dr. Amado L. Garcia Medical Center, Inc. and **ADELAIADA MACAM DELA ROSA** who died on May 10, 1988 at Dr. Taruc Medical Hospital, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land Un terreno (Lote No. 56, Block No 44 del plano de subdivision, Psd-3066, parte del Lote No. 590 de la medicion catastral de Angeles, G.L.R.O Cad Record No. 124), situado en al barrio de Lourdes Municipio de Angeles, provincia dela Pampanga...xxx... midiendo una extension superficial de **DOS CIENTOS CUARENTA METROS CUADRADOS (240)** mas o menos.. xxx; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14542 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 1395, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA DEL MUNDO MUÑOZ**, who died on August 5, 2025 in San Nicolas I, Magalang Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and at the time of her death, the Defendant left bank deposits with the Rural Bank of porac (Pampanga) inc. (PoracBank), Magalang Branch - Magalang, Pampanga under the name "**MUÑOZ, LOLITA DEL MUNDO OR MUÑOZ, AURELIO DEL MUNDO**" and covered by Account No. 3835-002-01-109199-3 with cash deposits amounting to **ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE PESOS AND 46/100 (₱107,029.46)**; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 6030, Page No. 89, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NESTOR DAVID CRUZ JR.**, who died on May 11, 2025 in Golden Pavilion Healthcare, San Mateo California, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate; and that the deceased left a Peso Deposit Account with Bank of the Philippine Island, under Account No. 9683-0507-57, with a balance of approximately **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS & 84/100 ONLY (₱124,850.84)**; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 3790, Page No. 96, Book No. XII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEJANDRO FAUSTINO GOTIANGCO** who died on September 10, 2005 at 0463 Rose St. Pineda Subd. Dau Mabalacat Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows:

TCT NO. 175513-R

A parcel of land (Lot 13 Block 2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd 95901, being a portion of lot 127-D-3, described in plan (LRC) Osd 95714, LRC Cad.Rec.No. 132). Situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp. bounded on the NE., pts 3 to 4 by road lot 2 of the subd. plan; on the SE; pts. 4 to 1 by lot 14 on the SW., pts 1 to 2 of the subd., by lot 13; on the NE.; Pts 2 to 3 by lot 10 all blk 2 of the subd. Plan., beggining containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters, more or less.

TCT NO. 204736-R

A parcel of land (Lot 10-3 of the subd. plan pad-03-032465, being a portion of lot 10, Blk. 2 (LRC) Psd-95901; LRC Rec. No.) situated in the bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat Pampanga, bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by lot 10-a of the subd. plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by road lot 2, (LRC) Psd-95901; on the SE., along line 3-4 by lot 12. Blk. 21 on the SW., along line 4-1 by lot 11 Blk. 2. (LRC) Psd-95901; Beg. at a pt., marked "1" on plan being S.62 deg. 25'E, 478.04 m from BLBM 1 Mabt. Cad. Thence N.75 deg. 00'E S. 20.00 m to pt.2; thence s.15 deg. 00'E 20.00 m to pt. 4; thence N.15 deg. 00'W. 3.40 m to the pt of beg., containing an area of Sixty (68) square meters. All pts referred to are indicated on plan and are marked on the ground by PS. Ctyl. Conc. Mon.; bearing True; Date of the orig. Survey Feb.-Sept. 1916 and that subd. survey June 11, 1989 and was approved on July 1989. Covered with TCT No. 204736-R".

before Notary Public Atty. Roseller B. Abad, as per Doc. No. 418, Page No. 17, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA TULLAO SICAT-MALDO** who died on October 12, 2020 at St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and the heirs herein adjudicate unto themselves the estate of the deceased **LOLITA TULLAO SICAT-MALDO**, a parcel of land with improvements located at Lot No. 2C, Block No. CA, Sta. Lucia 3 Resettlement Site, Magalang, Pampanga as evidence by the Certification No. SLC-0026 issued by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council Pinatubo Project Management Office (HUDCC-PPMO); before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 5726, Page No. 29, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

THIRD JUDICIAL REGION

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

ANGELES CITY

rtc1angocc@judiciary.gov.ph/0931 033 2102

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Extra-Judicial

foreclosure of real

estate mortgage under Act no. 3135, as amended by Act no.

4118

- versus -

F.C. Case No. 2025-0194

SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO

PARAS AND ABIGAEL SHEENA LUSPO

PARAS, Borrowers/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by the Mortgagee, **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, with principal office at Tower One, Ayala North Exchange, **6796 Ayala Avenue Corner, Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City** and with branch office of **Bank of the Philippine Islands** **Pampanga Retail Loans Center, BPI San Fernando Hi-way Main Branch Building, Olongapo-Gapan Road, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga** against the Mortgagors, **SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO PARAS AND ABIGAEL SHEENA LUSPO PARAS**, with residence, collateral and postal addresses at (1) **BLK 13 LOT 4 PHASE 2, MALAMBING STREET, TABUN, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA**; (2) **LOT 5, DON BOSCO COMPOUND, MABIGA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA** and (3) **1157 AGATE ST., GOLDEN LAND SUBD., Brgy. Mabiga, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA** and in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debts which as of **November 12, 2025** amounts to **TEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 83/100 (Php 10,854,930.83)** Philippine currency, principal inclusive of penalties and other charges, thereto, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **February 5, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Municipal Trial Court In Cities, Branch 1, **Mabalacat City, Pampanga** located at the Bldg. 2 Unit 33 Great Mall of Central Luzon (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex) **Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga 2010** will SELL at public auction for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land/real property/ies with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2024002882

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 5, OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-008387 BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATED LOTS 64 TO 73, BLK. 16, PCS-03-007976, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MABIGA, MUN. OF MABALACAT, PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 11 (ROAD WIDENING); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 6, BOTH OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 3-4-5 BY 1 LOT 8, BLK. 3, PCS-03-007976; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 4 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) square meters, more or less. x x x

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcels of land for their information and protection.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 11, 2026** at same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, November 11, 2025.

MICHAEL ANGELO F. SEGISMAR
Sheriff IV

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RANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
Tower One, Ayala North Exchange
6796 Ayala Avenue Corner Salcedo St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS PAMPANGA RETAIL LOANS CENTER, BPI San Fernando Hi-way Main Branch Building, Olongapo-Gapan Road, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

ATTY. NOEL C. QUIOC

Room 208, Plaza Garcia BLDG., Dolores
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO PARAS AND ABIGAEL SHEENA LUSPO PARAS

(1) **BLK 13 Lot 4 Phase 2, Malambing Street, Tabun, Mabalacat City**

(2) **Lot 5 Don Bosco Compound, Mabiga, Mabalacat City**

Pampanga, and

(3) **1157 Agate St., Golden Land Subd., Brgy. Mabiga, Mabalacat City, Pampanga**

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Pampanga
City of San Fernando

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

POST-AWARD NOTICE

Project Name: Labor and Materials for the Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (San Fernando People's Hospital-Phase I) at City Civic Center, San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC): P50,000,000.00

Contract Period: 240 Calendar Days

Name of Winning Bidder and its official business address: E. B. Matias
Construction and Trading / Mangga, Cacutud, Arayat, Pampanga

Amount of contract awarded: P 49,848,792.23

Date of award and acceptance: November 06, 2025

Implementing office/unit/division/bureau of the concerned agency or instrumentality: LGU – City of San Fernando, Pampanga/City Engineer's Office

PLDT Home Winners Donate ₱100,000 Cash Prize to Support PSF Disaster Recovery



AS PART of PLDT Home's One Mega Giveaway (OMG) promo, thousands of subscribers were given the chance to win life-changing prizes this year. But for the Monsanto family—loyal PLDT Home customers and winners of one of the ₱100,000 cash prizes—the true gift was the opportunity to help others. Instead of keeping their prize, the family generously donated the full amount to the PLDT-Smart Foundation (PSF). Their heartfelt contribution will support PSF's Christmas program for the recent disaster-hit

communities nationwide.

"When we learned about the ongoing #UwanPH recovery efforts, we knew we wanted our winnings to serve a greater purpose," shared Marlowe Monsanto. "Through our small act, we hope to contribute to rebuilding communities. That's more than enough for us."

PSF President Esther O. Santos expressed her gratitude. "The Monsanto family's kindness shows what 'Home' truly means—caring for others and sharing what we can. By giving their entire prize to support

disaster-affected communities, they are helping bring comfort and hope to families who are rebuilding their lives."

In a season that reminds us to give, the Monsantos' simple but selfless act lights the way. Monsanto family's generosity is a reminder that blessings become even more powerful when shared. Through their kindness, the spirit of the OMG promo goes beyond rewarding subscribers, it becomes a source of hope and compassion in the communities that PSF serves.



DATING GAWI?

TULAD NG DATI, NANDITO PA RIN ANG GAMEZONE PARA SA'YO.

TULUY-TULOY ANG SAFE & FUN NA PAGLALARO AT PAG-TRANSACT SA OFFICIAL:

GAMEZONE APP gzone.ph
AT PHYSICAL STORE



FIREWORKS PAINT CLARK SKIES WITH NEW YEAR CHEER

CLARK FREEPORT -- The Parade Grounds burst into color this weekend as fireworks lit the skyline to welcome 2026. Families and visitors from Metro Clark and nearby towns filled the grounds, celebrating together under dazzling lights. The five minute show capped Clark's year end festivities, showcasing the freeport as a lively, family friendly destination for gatherings and celebrations. Adding flavor to the night, the hotdog chowdown contest crowned Aaron Macasias of Antipolo City as King of Chowdown, Rasil Sahali of Mabalacat City as Queen of Chowdown, Team Malusog of Angeles City as Family Tag Team champions, and Jon Daniel Straughn of Angeles City as Prince of Chowdown. **CDC-PR**

Capitol, DSWD play Santa...

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"Masaya po kami dahil nakasama po namin sila. Nagpapasalamat po kami kay Nanay dahil palagi po siyang nakaantabay sa amin. Bumagyo man o umulan, nandyan po siya para sa amin—mga upland mula Porac hanggang Florida. Palagi po siyang nandyan para sa amin," said Maggy Apang, one of the beneficiaries.

Each of the beneficiaries received P5,000 in financial assistance under the Assistance to

Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program of the DSWD, along with five kilograms of rice from the Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

"Importante po sa pangulo [Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.] ang mga Kapampangan, lalo na po ang mga katutubo. Dala ko po ngayon ang tulong ng pangulo at ng departamento upang kahit papaano ay makatulong sa inyo. Alam naman po namin na ang mga nakalipas na buwan

ay hindi naging madali—maraming sakuna at maraming pagsubok. Kaya ngayon, bago matapos ang taon, sama-sama po tayo. Tandaan ninyo, importante po kayo sa puso ng ating Pangulo," said Gatchalian.

The Capitol brought packs of chicken, hotdogs, and other food items and essential household supplies, hygiene packs, clothing, and slippers. Capitol.

Three Aeta families were also granted livelihood assistance amounting to P13,000 through the

Help for Livelihood and Employment Office (HELO) under the Department of Labor and Employment's Integrated Livelihood Program, aimed to help beneficiary families establish sustainable sources of income and strengthen their economic resilience.

Beyond the material aid received, the Aetas said the most meaningful gift they received from the Capitol and DSWD was the affirmation of their being valued especially during the Christmas season.

Pampanga PIO

Towering puppets...

FROM PAGE 1

creativity, ingenuity, and local talent.

Mayor Dinan Labung led the opening salvo at the municipal grounds with a meeting with participants of the pop-up Art exhibit, poster-making contest, display of the miniature version of the puppets called Majiganganitos, and storybook writing contest.

In his message, Labung underscored the importance of preserving and promoting local traditions by nurturing the

talents of the youth and strengthening appreciation for the arts, noting that the continued progress of Sta. Ana is rooted in unity and love for its cultural identity.

The first-time mayor also highlighted the Majiganganitos as a source of local pride with strong potential for export and wider recognition beyond the municipality.

This, as he shared plans to establish a cultural exchange program for young Majigangga makers, aimed at showcasing the artistry, skills, and culture

of the Pimpeños not only in the Philippines but also on the international stage. He reaffirmed his full support for cultural initiatives that celebrate and safeguard Sta. Ana's heritage.

Labung also expressed his gratitude to the municipal tourism office, Triskelion group, and Casa-Apu for their continued support in making the activities a success and to promote the town's arts, culture, and history.

Festival activities include the Majiganga Libad Población, a parade

of giant Majinganga puppets on Dec. 27, the museum opening and Majinganga pre-judging on Dec. 28, and the Majinganga Dance Exhibition, which serves as the festival's highlight and grand finale, scheduled for Dec. 30 at the Sta. Ana Parish Patio Grounds.

The Majiganga Festival is held annually in Sta. Ana bringing together the local government and the community to honor the town's cultural identity. **Punto Lifestyle Team/Press release**

CL public...

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RDC, it now includes a total of 7,498 programs and projects (PAPs), reflecting the region's development agenda across key sectors.

Of the total PAPs, 242 have been completed, while 982 are currently being implemented. The remaining 6,274 PAPs are proposed for implementation by 2027 or 2028.

By sector, social development accounts for the largest share, with 4,119 PAPs focused on improving education, health, and social protection services.

Infrastructure development follows with 2,417 PAPs, highlighting the region's continued push to expand and upgrade its physical infrastructure and improve connectivity, logistics, and basic

facilities.

The economic development sector comprises 503 PAPs aimed at modernizing agriculture and agribusiness, strengthening food security, promoting trade and investments, and advancing research, technology, and innovation.

The remaining PAPs support climate action and disaster resilience, as well as initiatives to promote

good governance.

The midterm-updated CLIP 2023—2028 will serve as a key reference in reviewing the fiscal year 2027 budget proposals of line agencies in Central Luzon to ensure that funded projects are aligned with the region's medium-term development plans and strategic priorities. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

AC wins...

FROM PAGE 1

"Jon" Lazatin II noted that the recognitions reflect the shared commitment of city offices, barangay leaders, and partner institutions working together to create a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for children.

The mayor said a major contribution to the achievement came from the city social welfare and development office which programs and technical support helped ensure the effective implementation of child-focused policies and services across the city.

He likewise acknowledged the invaluable contributions of

barangay officials whose leadership at the grassroots level reinforced child-friendly initiatives, notably Barangay Sto. Domingo chair Maria Marcia Arceo, Barangay Pulung Bulu chair Lorna Zabala, Barangay Sto. Rosario chair Renato Cosme, Barangay Mining chair Lester Hernandez, and Barangay Pandan chair Cors Alejandrino.

Under the Lazatin leadership, the city government continues to strengthen initiatives that uphold children's rights through responsive social services, multi-sectoral collaboration, and community-based interventions. **Angeles CIO**

Pampanga's...

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karatig-bayan. Magkakaroon agad ng access sa mga espesyalista ang mga pasyente, may kumpletong laboratoryo, urgent care, at emergency services. At kung kinakailangan ng mas mataas na antas ng gamutan, maaari silang mailipat sa mas angkop na pasilidad," noted DOH Region 3 director Dr. Corazon Flores.

Ito na ang ikalawang BUCAS Facility sa probinsya. Matatandaang noong nakaraang taon ay binuksan ang kaparehong pasilidad sa bayan ng Sto. Tomas, Pampanga na siya ring kauna-unahanhang BUCAS Facility sa bansa.

The Sta. Ana BUCAS facility is the second to be established in Pampanga. In March 2024, the first-ever in the whole Philippines was inaugurated in Sto. Tomas town.

Punto News Team/Pampanga PIO

P850-M land debt...

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on freeing farmers from long-standing financial obligations to allow greater investment in farm productivity and household welfare.

ARBs were also reminded to complete title annotations, pay real property taxes, and maintain coordination with the DAR Provincial Office to fully benefit from government programs.

The initiative focuses

PWDs...

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thing for our kababayan," Manuel said.

Red Pillars and Lazatin are also set to partner with Rise against Hunger Philippines and Grab Philippines to provide free hot meals to more than 2,000 students in the First District of Pampanga beginning 2026.

To recall, during Lazatin's term as Angeles City mayor, he provided yearly financial assistance to PWD residents, solo parents, and senior citizens.

"Masaya ako dahil sa pamamagitan ng ating partnership with Red Pillars ay naitutuloy natin ang ating programa na sinumulan noong tayo ay mayor," Lazatin said.

PDAO chief, Ryan David, thanked Lazatin and Red Pillars for their efforts in providing assistance for the welfare of PWDs.

Meanwhile, Barangay Captains Amelia Torres of San Nicolas and Mauro Mallari of Agapito Del Rosario also expressed their gratitude to Lazatin and Red Pillars.

"Nagpapasalamat ako kay Cong Pogi at sa Red Pillars dahil hindi nila nakakalimutan ang aming ka-barangay, lalo na ang mga PWD," said Torres.

"Malaking tulong ito sa aming mga ka-barangay, kaya malaki ang aming pasasalamat sa Red Pillars at syempre kay Cong Pogi," said Mallari.

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MARKING SOUTHEAST ASIA'S FIRST

PAL's A350-1000 arrives home



MANILA – Philippine Airlines marked a historic milestone as the company's most-awaited aircraft, the Airbus A350-1000, arrived in Manila at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 20, making the flag carrier the first in Southeast Asia to operate the next-generation widebody aircraft and reinforcing its long-term global growth strategy.

Following a ceremony held in Toulouse, France, PAL Holdings, Inc. president Lucio Tan III led a contingent of the company's top executives, including PAL Board adviser Kyle Tan, PAL president Richard Nuttall, and executive vice president and COO Atty. Carlos Luis Fernandez, in taking delivery of the first of nine A350-1000s aircraft that PAL will

receive as part of its fleet expansion programme.

Tan conveyed the company's gratitude to Airbus, its partner of over 40 years, and underscored the significance of welcoming the world's most modern widebody aircraft that has set new standards for intercontinental travel.

"The arrival of the A350-1000 marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to fleet modernization and network growth. It will be a source of Filipino pride and a transformational step for our airline," said Tan.

Expected to fly PAL's transpacific routes, the aircraft features a spacious tri-class cabin layout, which can accommodate up to 382 passengers,

with 42 seats in Business Class, 24 in Premium Economy, and 316 in Economy.

The acquisition brings PAL's total fleet to 82 aircraft. Powered by Rolls-Royce Trent XWB-97 turbofan engines, each capable of delivering up to 97,000 pounds of thrust, the A350-1000 offers enhanced efficiency and reliability.

The aircraft also sets new standards in sustainable aviation, featuring up to a 25% reduction in fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions compared with previous-generation aircraft, and is capable of being operated with sustainable aviation fuel. **PAL Corporate Affairs Department**



ZERO ACCIDENT IN 2025:

6 companies in Clark cited for workplace safety

CLARK FREEPORT -- Six establishments in Clark were cited by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for recording zero work-related accidents in 2025.

These include SIA Engineering from the aviation sector; Montpac Global Solutions Inc. and Travel + Leisure Global Support Services Phils., Inc. from the information technology and business process management sector; and

APEM Philippines Inc., Troycor Lighting Corp., and Coronation Premium Manufacturing Inc. from the manufacturing sector.

DOLE-3 director Geraldine Panlilio said this achievement is a result of consistently enforcing safety protocols, strengthening preventive measures, and promoting a culture of vigilance.

She noted that industrial peace plays a crucial role in enabling companies

to grow, expand, and generate more jobs for Filipino workers, and expressed the agency's commitment to support industries in sustaining safe and productive workplaces.

"We assure you that we will be doing our best to ensure that we are able to really promote and maintain industrial peace because this is a very important ingredient for us to be able to continue having productive employees in

companies who are able to earn more and expand and generate more jobs for the Filipino people," Panlilio said.

Alongside the awarding, newly elected officers of the Industrial Tripartite Council (ITC) were affirmed, who will strengthen tripartite collaboration, enhance workplace safety, and promote fair labor practices and standards compliance.

Newly elected employee representative chairperson

Michelle Aguilar from BPO Global emphasized the value of shared learning and collaboration within the council.

"I see this role as an opportunity to learn from everyone in the council... so that together, we can develop policies and initiatives that keep the council relevant and responsive to the needs of today's workforce and the new generation of employees," she said.

For her part, newly elected employee representative vice chairperson Anna Liza Torres from Amerton Inc. cited their active role in helping the ITC council succeed.

"On behalf of the ITC manufacturing, as part of the ITC council, we will be giving our full support and commitment to fulfill the goal in the vision and mission of this council," Torres said. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

Pampanga's 2nd BUCAS facility to rise in Sta. Ana

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Department of Health, Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital, the Provincial Government of Pampanga, and the Municipality of Sta. Ana officially broke ground on Dec. 23 for the JASMC-BUCAS facility in the town's Barangay San Bartolome.

JASMC-BUCAS stands for JBLMGH Ambulatory Surgical and

Multispecialty Center-Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Service, a program of the DOH aimed to provide fast, accessible, and affordable immediate outpatient medical care to residents, especially the poor, serving as an intermediate step between primary health clinics and large hospitals.

Representing the Capitol, chief of staff of the Office of the Vice Gov-

ernor Angelina Blanco expressed the gratitude of Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda to the DOH and JBLMGH "sa kanilang patuloy na suporta sa lalawigan, lalo na sa adbo-kasiya ng pamahalaang panlalawigan na mailapit at maipagkaloob ang dekalidad na serbisyo pangkalusugan sa mga Kapampangan."

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RDC chairman Zambales Gov. Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., approves the midterm update of the CLIP.

PHOTO: ZAMBALES FOR THE PEOPLE

CL public investment blueprint updated

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The

midterm update of the Central Luzon Investment Program (CLIP) 2023–2028 has been approved by the Regional Development Council here, reaffirming the region's commitment to inclusive growth and sustainable

development.

The updated CLIP serves as the region's consolidated public investment blueprint which aligns national and local development priorities across Central Luzon's provinces and cities.

According to the

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