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P700-M insulated panel plant opens in Pampanga

Phinma Corp. chairman and CEO Ramon del Rosario Jr., UIPC president and CEO Danielle del Rosario, Porac Vice Mayor Jen Capil and other officers cut ceremonial ribbon opening the plant. **Contributed Photos**

PORAC, Pampanga -- The Union Insulated Panel Corp. (UIPC), a subsidiary of Phinma Corp, inaugurated its P700-million manufacturing facility in Barangay Manibaug Pasig here on Oct. 20. **Page 59 please**

4 Kapampangans in Top 100 Living Filipino Fashion Designers list

TESORO

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By Punto Lifestyle Team

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Patis Tesoro. Mak Tumang. Ditta Sandico. Marlon Tuazon. All fashion designers. All Kapampangans. All in the Top 100 Living Filipino Fashion Designers editorial list published by Pinoy History.

At Top 8, Tesoro of Angeles City, is known as the “Grand Dame of Philippine Fashion” for her dedication to cultural preservation and revival of dying indigenous weaving industries, and is considered a master of piña, abaca, and inabel, utilizing traditional calado and natural dyes.

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17 private hospitals sign No Balance Billing MOA

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Seventeen private hospitals in Pampanga signed on Oct. 23 with the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. and the Department of Health a tripartite memorandum of agreement to strengthen the implementation of the No Balance Billing (NBB) Program in the province.

PhilHealth president and CEO Dr. Beverly Lorraine Ho and Health Secretary Dr. Edwin Mercado led the signing ceremony at the Kingsborough International Convention Center here in partnership with the Provincial Government of Pampanga, to expand access to healthcare benefits under the RA 11223 (Universal Health Care Act).

Both Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda attended the signing to underscore the significance of the MOA to their constituents.

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CLARK’S CHRISTMAS SPHERES. Seven illuminated spherical lanterns, each bearing the name of a Metro Clark Advisory Council member local government unit – the provinces of Pampanga and Tarlac, the cities of Angeles and Mabalacat, and the municipalities of Porac, Bamban, and Capas – accompany Clark’s 40-foot Christmas tree and 30-foot-diameter giant lantern at the Clark Parade Grounds. **Photo: CDC**

SBMA, Subic EnerZone seal 25-year power deal

Toasting to renewed partnership are (L-R): AboitzPower's Distribution Utilities Group president and COO Ronaldo Ramos, Aboitiz Group president and CEO Sabin Aboitiz, SBMA chairman and administrator Engr. Eduardo Jose Aliño, Subic EnerZone OIC-president and GM Jay Navarro, Distribution Group Utilities executive chairman Anton Mari Perdices, and AboitizPower president and CEO Danel Aboitiz. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

BY: DANTE M. SALVAÑA

MAKATI CITY — The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and Subic EnerZone Corp. (SEZ), a wholly owned subsidiary of AboitizPower, have renewed their power distribution partnership for 25 years, committing to grid improvements and reliable electricity supply to support business expansion at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Announced on Oct. 23, the agreement extends a partnership that began when SEZ started commercial operations in October 2003. The long-term arrangement is expected to support the freeport's industrial, commercial and residential developments by strengthening its electricity distribution infrastructure.

The renewal was formally announced during the "Powering Subic's Next Chapter: SBMA-Subic EnerZone Renewed Partnership Launch" at Ayala Triangle Gardens 2 in Makati City, attended by executives of AboitizPower, Aboitiz Equity Ventures and SBMA.

The partnership focuses on improving power reliability, expanding grid capacity and upgrading distribution systems to accommodate increasing electricity demand as new investments and development projects enter the freeport.

SBMA chairman and administrator Engr. Eduardo Jose Aliño presented the agency's development priorities, underscoring the importance of dependable energy infrastructure in maintaining investor confidence and supporting Subic's economic growth.

Engr. Jay Navarro, SEZ officer-in-charge president and general manager, outlined planned system upgrades and reliability enhancement measures designed to meet future demand and strengthen the distribution network.

Anton Perdices, executive chairman of the AboitizPower Distribution Group, highlighted the longstanding partnership between the Aboitiz Group and SBMA and reaffirmed SEZ's commitment to supporting the freeport's development.

SEZ has managed the Subic Bay power distribution system under RA 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992).

The renewed partnership is intended to provide a stable power supply for businesses operating in the freeport while preparing its distribution network for future industrial and commercial requirements.

The launch concluded with a ceremonial toast and exchange of tokens among representatives of SBMA, SEZ, AboitizPower and Aboitiz Equity Ventures, marking their commitment to continued cooperation in developing Subic Bay as an investment and economic hub.

Costa Serena at Boton Pier. Cruise ship passengers queue to board buses for their destinations of choice.

Costa Serena returns to Subic Bay with 3,000 pax, crew

BY: DANTE M. SALVAÑA

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The Italian-operated cruise ship Costa Serena came into port here anew on Sunday, Oct. 25, carrying 1,851 passengers and 1,072 crew members, boosting the area's cruise tourism industry following its last visit last year.

The vessel arrived at around 7:30 a.m., according to Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority deputy administrator for port operations Atty. Martin Kristoffer Roman. It was sighted in Subic Bay waters as early as 7 a.m., ahead of its scheduled docking.

The cruise ship's return highlights Subic Bay's role as a gateway to tourism destinations in Central Luzon. During its scheduled port call from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., passengers were offered shore excursions showcasing the region's cultural heritage, natural attractions and tourism destinations.

Among the scheduled tours were the Pampanga Heritage Tour, a visit to Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar to explore Philippine architectural heritage, and "All of Subic: One City, Two Sides," featuring the area's attractions and history.

Other excursions included "All of Pamulaklakin: The Forest & Aeta," highlighting the local forest environment and indigenous culture; "Ocean Adventure: When the Sea Is the Show," featuring marine attractions; and a visit to Zoobic Safari, where tourists could experience wildlife encounters. A separate Zoobic Safari tour was also arranged for crew members.

The vessel arrived from Hong Kong, China, where it departed on Oct. 23. After its Subic Bay stop, Costa Serena was scheduled to visit Boracay on Oct. 26 and Puerto Princesa, Palawan, on Oct. 27, before sailing to Benoa, Bali, Indonesia, on Oct. 30.

The cruise call is expected to generate business opportunities for local tourism operators, transport providers, restaurants and other enterprises catering to international visitors.

Subic Bay's tourism attractions, historical sites and nature-based destinations make the Freeport a potential stop for international cruise itineraries, allowing visitors to explore nearby communities and other destinations across Central Luzon.

Costa Serena's return underscores Subic Bay's continuing efforts to strengthen its position in the regional cruise tourism industry and attract more international cruise ship calls.

SubicWater bolsters water reserves as Super El Niño looms

BY: DANTE M. SALVAÑA

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — SubicWater and Sewerage Co. Inc. is preparing additional water sources and reactivating backup facilities to cushion the impact of a potentially severe El Niño, with its latest projections showing a possible supply deficit of 10 million liters per day under extreme conditions.

SubicWater CEO and general manager Benjamin "Bobong" Antonio III said the projected shortfall could be covered by the utility's Morong Water Treatment Plant, which is already supplying water to parts of the service area.

Antonio said the company's contingency plan considers the lowest river levels recorded since SubicWater began operations and the highest possible water demand during the hot season.

"We have a deficit of 10 million liters per day," Antonio said, referring to the modeled worst-case scenario. He added that the Morong facility could provide the additional supply needed if water levels in the rivers serving Olongapo City and the Subic Bay Freeport Zone decline significantly.

About 98% of the water supply for Olongapo and the freeport comes from rivers, making river levels a critical factor in the utility's preparations for the anticipated weather phenomenon.

The company is also reactivating reservoirs, assessing backup water sources and drilling new deep wells to strengthen supply security.

Antonio said the utility is gradually testing the delivery of water from Morong to areas that may experience declining supply, particularly if the Gordon Heights and Santa Rita rivers become unable to meet demand.

He cautioned, however, that consumers could experience reduced water pressure as the utility adjusts distribution, especially in areas farther from the Morong treatment facility.

Despite the potential challenges, Antonio said current supply conditions remain stable, with no immediate signs of a shortage in Olongapo or the Freeport.

"Right now, our water supply is still good," he said, while warning that conditions could change rapidly if temperatures rise sharply and prolonged dry weather reduces available water.

He said the company is preparing early because the projected Super El Niño could bring conditions beyond those reflected in historical records, making its actual impact difficult to predict.

Antonio said water conservation measures may become necessary depending on the severity of the drought, but there is no immediate need for consumers to resort to emergency storage practices.

Meanwhile, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority chairman and administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño expressed confidence in the freeport's water security, citing the area's preserved mountain watersheds and existing water sources.

Aliño said he had discussed preparations with SubicWater and urged locators, residents and other water users to avoid waste and use water responsibly even while

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To the Point

Pointed Truth

BEING AT odds with publishers/owners is an all-too-common predicament among editors who strongly adhere to the dictum: "Publish first, truth always, be damned later."

Owners have their corporate interests to preserve, protect, and promote, which, in many cases, are at variance with the editor's fundamental duty to publish Truth, no matter the cost.

"The marriage of corporations and journalism is an unnatural, unhappy union. The best journalists are naturally skeptical individuals with a healthy disrespect for authority, pomposity, and ruling classes. They understand and appreciate the ideal of democracy that one man's vote and voice are as important as another's. And they have a well-honed apparatus for detecting two staples of the corporate culture – bullshit and insincerity." Thus, James D. Squires, a former editor of the Chicago Tribune, most aptly.

You will know who wears the pants in that unnatural, unhappy union with but a cursory browse of the pages of a newspaper – the owner, when his photographs and news about the most banal of his activities pepper the pages, Page One not excluded. Yes, there are publishers who simply love to publish themselves, when even the least of their business endeavors crowd legitimate news out of the pages, in effect reducing their papers to nothing more than company journals.

In such set-up, even the best editors can only do their worst. Thus, the great Arthur Krock, once "Dean of Washington newsmen" and winner of three Pulitzer Prizes: "A hired journalism, however zealous, however loyal, however entrusted, however brilliant, cannot be great because it speaks through the mist of subordination."

The editor having the upper hand? When the publisher subordinates his interest to the "sanctity of the desk."

As in the early days of journalism, newspapers are published to: 1) indulge the whims and caprices of the publisher; 2) promote his businesses; and 3) serve the political causes he espouses. Civic duty is a thoroughly alien entity to the greater number of publishers.

To paraphrase from memory something read somewhere: If you told that kind of publisher that he had a duty to the public to print the news objectively and accurately, he would have asked what kind of duty some other kinds of businessmen had. His newspaper being a business enterprise, news to him would be the same as cars to a Levy Laus, or house and lot to a Nestor Mangio, or *tocino* to a Lolita Hizon, even halo-halo and *pancit luglog* to a Razon.

News being no more than a commodity to sell, a product to be packaged and presented in whatever way that will be most appealing to his customers and thus will bring him most profit. Even at the expense of integrity.

But commercial viability and editorial integrity are not mutually exclusive.

This is best exemplified in *The New York Times*, unarguably the number one newspaper in the world. A well-known lore: At the time of WW II, faced with newsprint rationing, the Ochs and Sulzberger families that owned the *Times* chose to print news over advertising, thereby sacrificing much-needed revenues that the latter offered. The act singularly established their paper's moral ascendancy over all other newspapers in America.

With the *Times* emerging – and remaining to this day – the most influential newspaper in the USA, if not in the whole world. That good decision of the owners proved to be good business sense too. High-mindedness returned better profits in the long run, so the moral lesson of the *Times* story instructs us.

Perhaps, *Punto's* publishers have read that same story. Hence, their express policy of editorial integrity first, profitability second.

SO, IT was written here in October 2008 on the very first anniversary of this paper. So, it still stands strong today – *Punto's* editorial integrity at 19.

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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

SHAMELESS INSERTIONS

Is Congress Back to Business as Usual?

THANK GOD for our vigilant budget watchdogs! I am particularly grateful to Ken Abante and his fellow volunteers in the People's Budget Coalition, who have been painstakingly scrutinizing the proposed ₱7.2-trillion national budget, line by line, project by project. Their findings, as presented in Ken's recent interview with Christian Esguerra on Facts First, are deeply disturbing.

Apparently, Congress has not learned its lesson from the flood control scandal. The same questionable practice of inserting projects into the national budget, without proper documentation, feasibility studies, or technical justification, appears to be happening all over again.

Consider what the coalition has uncovered in the House-approved budget:

* 7,054 newly inserted projects worth approximately ₱190 billion, including 6,196 DPWH projects worth ₱172 billion.

* 1,881 DPWH projects worth ₱93 billion deleted from the original executive proposal, apparently to make way for a different set of priorities.

* Projects with questionable geolocations, including farm-to-market roads supposedly located in the sea, and Philippine infrastructure projects whose coordinates point to Algeria or Nigeria!

* Possible overpricing, including farm-to-market roads costing more than ₱30 million per kilometer, and solar panels priced far above the estimates cited by independent engineers.

But what troubles me most is not just the staggering amount of money involved. It is the opacity of the process itself.

The House supposedly conducted a transparent budget amendment review. But according to the coalition, civil society observers and even the media were excluded from the actual proceedings. The livestream was delayed by several hours. Worse, the amendments publicly announced during the hearings reportedly did not match the much larger amounts that eventually appeared in the approved House version.

At the very least, shouldn't every insertion identify the legislator who proposed it, the justification for the project, its exact location, and the supporting technical documents?

Hindi ba pera ng taumbayan ang pinag-uusapan natin dito?

What is particularly alarming is how closely this resembles the modus operandi associated with the previous House leadership under Speaker Martin Romualdez and Congressman Zaldy Co, whose budget practices have come under scrutiny in connection with the massive flood control scandal.

This time, the responsibility for explaining the House-approved budget rests with the present leadership, particularly the Appropriations Committee chair, Rep. Mika Suansing, Speaker Bojie Dy, and Majority Leader Sandro Marcos.

Of course, an insertion is not automatically evidence of corruption. Some projects may be legitimate and necessary. But legitimacy must be demonstrated, not merely asserted. And the burden of explanation belongs to those who inserted and approved these projects, not to the citizens who are asking questions.

I hope the Senate will subject these questionable allocations to rigorous public scrutiny, and that the President will veto projects that cannot be properly justified and documented.

We cannot afford another flood control scandal.

Hindi puwedeng business as usual na naman. Hindi puwedeng gawing personal na alkansiya ang pambansang badyet.

Our budget is not the private property of politicians. It is the people's money, entrusted to government for the common good.

Opinion

The true spirit of Christmas giving

CHRISTMAS IS a season of giving, but its true meaning goes beyond the gifts we place in someone's hands. It is a time to share blessings, extend compassion, and remind those who may feel forgotten that they are valued and remembered.

On October 5, the Air Defense Command (ADC) of the Philippine Air Force brought this spirit of Christmas giving to the elderly residents of Bahay Pag-Ibig (Home for the Aged) in Barangay Telebastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The gift-giving activity was more than the distribution of presents. It was an expression of gratitude, compassion, and solidarity with one of the vulnerable sectors of our community.

Through this initiative, the ADC demonstrated that its commitment to service extends beyond its mission of protecting the nation's airspace. It also means reaching out to communities, building meaningful relationships, and serving those who need care and support.

For the elderly residents, a simple gift can carry a much greater meaning. It can bring a smile, create a moment of joy, and remind them that they remain an important part of the community.

For the men and women of the Air Defense Command, the activity provided an opportunity to share not only material blessings but also something equally valuable it is time, presence, and genuine concern.

Such community engagements reflect the ADC's continuing efforts to strengthen its partnership with the civilian community through meaningful Civil-Military Operations. By reaching out to vulnerable sectors, the Command helps foster compassion, unity, and a stronger sense of community.

Christmas reminds us that the greatest gifts are not always measured by their value. Sometimes, the most meaningful gift is simply letting someone know that they are remembered.

Through its gift-giving activity at Bahay Pag-Ibig, the Air Defense Command showed that service does not end at the gates of a military installation. It reaches the communities around it and touches lives through compassion and genuine concern.

As the Christmas season draws near, may this spirit of sharing continue to inspire others to give what they can, serve where they are needed, and bring hope to those who need it most. This Christmas, the Air Defense Command reminds us that the true spirit of giving is not merely in what we give, but in the love, compassion, and hope that we share.

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Opinion

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Rey Yumang

The handcuffs behind the headlines

A JOURNALIST does not need to be convicted to be silenced. Sometimes, an arrest is more than enough. On October 24, 2026 veteran journalist Philip Lustre Jr. was arrested at Dapo Restaurant on Scout Borromeo Street in Quezon City after attending the Saturday News Forum. The warrant was issued by the Regional Trial Court Branch 10 in Davao City.

A day earlier, Davao City Rep. Paolo Duterte filed libel and cyberlibel complaints against National Bureau of Investigation director Melvin Matibag, former policeman Rodulfo Gracioso Jr., and several GMA Network executives and journalists.

The complaint stemmed from the September 25 airing of GMA's 24 Oras, which reported on Gracioso's claims that he delivered suitcases of cash to members of the Duterte family. Paolo Duterte denied the allegations. GMA said it would review the complaint upon receiving a copy. The claims remain disputed.

These are separate cases. But together, they raise a troubling question:

Is the law being used to defend reputations, or to make journalists think twice before reporting on the powerful?

Lustre's arrest raises even more serious concerns. According to his lawyer, Atty. Dino de Leon, he had not been properly notified of the complaint and was denied the chance to answer it during the preliminary investigation. The subpoena was reportedly sent to the wrong address. The warrant, signed by Judge Retrina Fuentes on October 2, did not immediately make clear to Lustre who had filed the complaint or which specific publication was involved.

Lustre was arrested on a Saturday when securing bail could be difficult, and released later that evening after posting P48,000 bail.

These alleged lapses demand investigation. Every accused person must answer for any offense, but everyone deserves due process. An arrest should not never be a person's first real notice that a case has been filed.

The message to journalists is troubling. Those who investigate corruption or question powerful families may now wonder: Is the next story worth the risk of arrest, legal costs and public humiliation?

This clearly shows that press freedom is eroded not always through censorship or newsroom closures, but through fear. When the cost of asking hard questions becomes too high, some questions go unasked and some stories remain untold.

Journalists are not above the law. They must verify facts, seek the other side, and correct mistakes. Public figures also have the right to protect their reputations. But legal action must never become a convenient way to punish scrutiny or silence criticism. The law must never become a weapon against uncomfortable questions

The press is the fourth estate for a reason. Its duty is not to please those in power, but to hold them accountable.

When journalists are made to fear the consequences of telling the truth, it is not only the press that suffers. The public loses its eyes and ears. And when the watchdog is forced to keep quiet, those who should be watched have every reason to smile.

Opinion

PATULOY NA PAGTATANGGOL SA LUPANG NINUNO Mula Marcos Sr. hanggang Marcos Jr., mula Chico Dam hanggang Pax Silica

Alex S. Cauguiran

MAGKAIBANG PANAHON. Magkaibang proyekto. Ngunit iisa ang mahalagang tanong: Hanggang saan maaaring isakripisyo ang karapatan ng mga katutubo sa ngalan ng kaunlaran?

Noong dekada 1970, sa ilalim ng administrasyon ni Ferdinand Marcos Sr., mariing tinutulan ng mga katutubong Kalinga at Bontoc sa Cordillera ang Chico River Dam Project. Nanganganib na maapektuhan ng planong pagtatayo ng mga dambuhalang dam ang kanilang mga lupang ninuno, tahanan, sakahan, at mga sagradong pook.

Sa pamumuno ni Macli-ing Dulag, isang iginagalang na pinuno ng mga Kalinga, naging makasaysayan ang kanilang paglaban. Hindi lamang lupa ang kanilang ipinagtatanggol, kundi pati ang kanilang kasaysayan, kultura, kabuhayan, at karapatang magpasya para sa kinabukasan ng kanilang mga pamayanan.

Noong Abril 24, 1980, pinaslang si Macli-ing Dulag. Ngunit hindi natapos sa kanyang pagkamatay ang pakikibaka para sa lupang ninuno. Sa halip, naging simbolo siya ng katapangan at paglaban ng mga katutubo sa mga proyektong nagbabanta sa kanilang mga karapatan.

Kabilang sa mga salitang iniuugnay sa kanyang paninindigan ang makapangyarihang paalalang ito: "Such arrogance to say that you own the land, when you are owned by it! How can you own that which outlives you? Only the people own the land because only the people live forever."

PAALALA SA BCDA.

Salin sa Filipino: "Napakayabang na sabihing pag-aari ninyo ang lupa, gayong kayo ang pag-aari nito! Paano ninyo maaangkin ang isang bagay na mabubuhay nang mas matagal kaysa sa inyo? Ang mamamayan lamang ang nagmamay-ari ng lupa sapagkat nagpapatuloy ang isang bayan sa paglipas ng mga salinlahi."

Ngayon, sa panahon ng kanyang anak na si Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., muling lumilitaw ang mahalagang usapin ng pag-unlad at karapatan ng mga katutubo sa gitna ng planong Pax Silica technology hub sa New Clark City, Capas, Tarlac.

Layunin daw ng proyekto na makahikayat ng pamumuhunan at mapaunlad ang mga industriyang may kaugnayan sa semiconductors, artificial intelligence, at makabagong teknolohiya. Kasabay ng mga pangakong trabaho at kaunlaran ay ang mga pangamba ng mga katutubong Ayta tungkol sa kanilang lupang ninuno, kabuhayan, at kinabukasan.

Iginiit ng Bases Conversion and Development Authority na ang lugar na nakalaan para sa Pax Silica ay nasa labas ng mga kinikilalang ancestral domain. Gayunman, mahalagang seryosohin at linawin ang mga pangamba ng mga Ayta at ng mga tagapagtaguyod ng kanilang karapatan tungkol sa magiging epekto ng proyekto sa mga mga lupain at pamayanang matagal nang nakaugnay sa kanilang kasaysayan at kabuhayan.

Dapat maging malinaw at bukas sa publiko ang BCDA sa pagpapaliwanag ng mga hangganan ng proyekto at ng mga batayan ng posisyon nito. Mahalaga na tiyaking kinikilala at pinangangalagaan ang kanilang mga karapatan alinsunod sa batas.

Hindi dapat ipagpalagay na ang kawalan ng pormal na titulo ay awtomatikong nangangahulugan ng kawalan ng karapatan. Ang ugnayan ng mga katutubo sa kanilang

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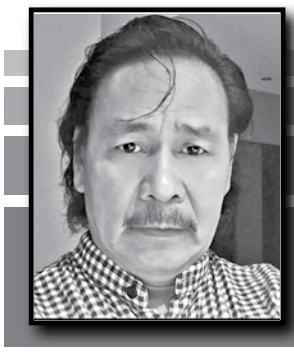

Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Ika-19 na guning-taon ng Punto

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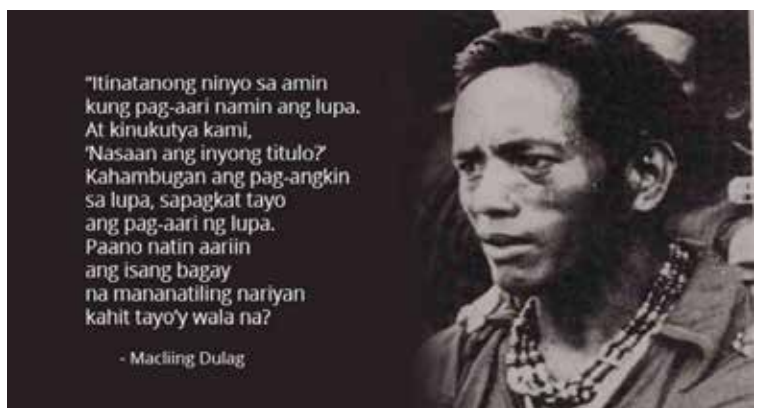
Ang labing siyam na taon ay matibay na basehan
upang masabing mahusay serbisyong pampahayagan
ang Punto Central Luzon News ay ganyan ang katangian
sa larangan ng balitang pawang makatotohanan
walang kinikilingan at walang pinoprotektahan
ang mga sinusulat ay ang totong kaganapan
2.
Sa loob ng labing siyam na taong pagseserbisyo
ang nasabing pahayagan ay marami ng natamo
na papuri't pagkilala mga plake't sertipiko
buhat sa pamahalaan at sa sektor na pribado
hindi namamanipula ng sino mang pulitiko
at kahit ng alin pa mang sangay ng ating gobyerno
3.
sa loob ng tatlong taon na dito ko pagsusulat
sa aki'y walang nagdikta kung ano'ng dapat isulat
kami ay may kalayaan sa nais na isiwalat
baganan may panuntunan na dapat sundin ng lahat
upang hindi pumalpak ang aming mga sinusulat
sinusuri na maige nitong aming tagasiyasat
4
Ang Punto Central Luzon News ay hinog na sa panahon
at dalawang dekada na rin sa susunod na taon
marami ng dinaanang mga pagsubok at hamon
ngunit nakatindig pa rin ito magpahanggang ngayon
kung may mga nagtangka man na gibain ito noon
nangabigo lamang dahil sa matibay ang pundasyon
5.
Walang duda ang dyaryo na kinagiliwan ng bayan
sa buong Central Luzon ang nangungunang pahayagan
kabuuang saklaw nito ay ang pitong lalawigan
ang Pampanga ang Zambales ang Aurora at Bulacan
Tarlac, Nueva Ecija at probinsiya ng Bataan
na kung saan ang main office ay nasa Telabastagan
6.
Bilang bahagi ng dyaryo kapalit ng aking ama
ako'y nagpapasalamat sa tiwala at suporta
sa tulong ni sir Bong Lacson at ni Attoney Endona
natupad ang pangarap kong maging isang kolumnista
salamat mam Ning Cordero ganoon din kay mam Irma
sir Mike Sicat, sir Rey Yumang, at sa lahat ng kasama
7.
Sa lahat ng bumati sa anibersayo ng Punto
taos sa puso ang aming pasasalamat sa inyo
CLMA, Marriot Hotel, pagpupugay po sa inyo
sa mainit na pagbati sa aming anibersaryo
nawa ang Poong Maykapal pagpalain lahat tayo
ganoon din itong aming pinaglilingkurang dyaryo



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENJAMIN P. LABUNG** who died on April 12, 2024, in Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a House and Lot project of the National Housing Authority (NHA) otherwise known as Block 22, Lot 26, Bulaon Resettlement project, located in Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, pursuant to a conditional contract to sell dated February 17, 2017, executed by theNational Housing Authority, as Government-Owned and controlled corporation created by Law (PD757) as amended, and entered as Doc No. 57, Page No. 87, Book No. III, Series of 2927 of Notary public Regina Salonga of Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Jaime F. Estrabillo, as per Doc. No. 74, Page No. 16, Book No. XXV, Series of 2026.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSEPH ALEXANDER LAPERRIERE,** who died on December 10, 2025 at the Medical City Clark, 100 Gatwick Gateway, Sabah Al Ahmad, GGLC, Industrial Estate 5, Clark Freeport Zone, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2023005520

House and Lot located at Purok 6, Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine square meters (3,829), more or less.

2. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007922

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Hundred square meters (300 sqm.) more or less.

3. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007923

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Hundred square meters (300 sqm.) more or less.

4. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007924

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Hundred square meters (300 sqm.) more or less.

5. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007925

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Hundred square meters (300 sqm.) more or less.

6. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007926

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Three Hundred square meters (300 sqm.) more or less.

7. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2024007927

A parcel of land located at Brgy. Palat, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty Five square meters (285 sqm.) more or less.

before Notary Public Atty. Kim Cyrille Mei R. Basco, as per Doc. No. 562, Page No. 022, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LEONARDO SALADINO BURA** who died on March 29, 2021 at Blk. 26 Lot 19 Phase 2 Northville 14 Malpitic, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; Whereas, at the time of his death the decedent is an awardee/owner of a house and lot located at Phase 2 Block 26 Lot 19 Northville 14A Resettlement Brgy. Malpitic, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, granted by National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglao, as per Doc. No. 509, Page No. 103, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MERLYN L. MAGBAG** who died on April 04, 2026; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 34 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-19813, being a portion of the subd. of Lot 5, (LRC) Pcs-1472, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 138), situated in the Bo.of Del Pilar, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 162827-R of the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Ethel Joi M. Mendoza, as per Doc. No. 249, Page No. 51, Book No. IV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROLANDO SALUNGA** who died on February 13, 2023, in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO: 423529-R
LOCATION: MADAPDAP REST. PROJECT MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA
AREA: 96 SQUARE METERS

before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 157, Page No. 32, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **LINDA CABALU FIDELINO** of legal age, Filipino citizen and residing at 6204, KL Malvar Residence 45 Gen. Malvar, San Antonio, Pasig City; and heirs of **PORFIRIO HIZON CABALU** who died on December 30, 2020 at Mabalacat District Hospital, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **MACARIA QUIAMBAO CABALU** who died on November 24, 2019 at Mabalacat District Hospital, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly desribed as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 8 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-46780, being a portion of lot 2 (LRC) Pcs-164, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 47771), situated in the barrio of Anupol, Municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Ninety Two (192) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 420363, Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac City; before Notary Public Atty. Sancho M. Abas, Jr., as per Doc. No. 106, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALBERTO S. MEJIA** who died on December 12, 2014 and **FERNANDO S. MEJIA JR.,** who died on January 15, 2026 at Blk. 8 Lot 10, Ma. Victoria St., Essel Park Subd., Brgy. Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, of the consolidation-Subd plan (LRC) Pcs-22462, being a portion of Lots 10 and 12, Blk. 8 (LRC) Psd-59305, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 8714), situated in the Bo. of Telabastagan, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pam.; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2013009883; before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 1102, Page No. 29, Book No. XXX, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSEFINA A. VILLANUEVA** who died on May 21, 2026 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011615
(With Improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 4 of the consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-1603, Being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 838-A, 838-B, 838-C, 838-D, 838-E, 838-F, described on Plan Psd-29214, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pulung- x x x."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011616
(With Improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 16, Block 4 of the consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-1603, Being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 838-A, 838-B, 838-C, 838-D, 838-E, and 838-F, described on Plan Psd-29214, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of x x x."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011617
(With Improvements)

"Un Terrano (Lote No. 27, Block No. 37 Del Plano De Subdivision Psd-3066, Parte Del Lote No. 590 De La Medicion Catastral De Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 124), Situado En El Barrio De Lourdes, Municipio De Angeles, Provincia De La Pampanga Linda Por El Ne Con El Lote No. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011618
(With Improvements)

"Un Terrano (Lote No. 26, Block No. 37 Del Plano De Subdivision Psd-3066, Parte Del Lote No. 590 De La Medicion Catastral De Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 124), Situado En El Barrio De Lourdes, Municipio De Angeles, Provincia De La Pampanga Linda Por El Ne Con El Lote No. x x x

before Notary Public Atty. Rhofel T. Lopez, as per Doc. No. 495, Page No. 11, Book No. III, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DOMINADOR CHANTENGCO LAYUG** who died on January 09, 2012 at Angeles City and **JUANITA FERNANDEZ LAYUG** who died on May 19, 2020 at Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 30771
(EMANCIPATION PATENT NO. 00788864)

LOT: 51, Psd-035414-061780 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT: 712, Porac Cadastre
LOCATION: Pulung Santol Porac, Pampanga
AREA: Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven (25,477) Square Meters More or Less.

before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 109, Page No. 20, Book No. LXX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARISSA VIRAY CRUZ** of legal age, Filipino, married to Alex P. Cruz and resident of Barangay Anyatam, San Ildefonso, Bulacan, Philippines; and heirs of heirs of **TEODORO VIRAY** who died on April 20, 2009 and **AURORA LAGMAN VIRAY** who died on April 29, 2024; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 24080

LOT: Lot 10, Psd-03-076453 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT: Lot 2, II-6652
LOCATION: Barangay Mapaniqui, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five (8,835) Square Meters, more or less.

before Notary Public Atty. Cedric F. Vanguardia, as per Doc. No. 325, Page No. 66, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ULPIANO BOGNOT CATAP** who died on August 02, 2005 and **ROSARIO GUIAO CATAP** who died on February 11, 2001; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 14 of the subdivision plan Psd-71490, being a portion of Lot 1699 of the cadastral survey of Porac, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz Porac, Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty (280) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 94810-R; before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 20, Book No. XCVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO DIZON ESTACIO** who died on June 6, 1994 at Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **FRANCISCA GARCIA ESTACIO** who died on June 6, 2016 at Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 188286-R (31554-M)

"A parcel of land (Lot 34, Block 6, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-171670, being a portion of lot 50, Mabalacat Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Nine (259) Square Meters, more or less; x x x"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 188287-R (31555-M)

"A parcel of land (Lot 35, Block 6, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-171670, being a portion of lot 50, Mabalacat Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Nine (259) Square Meters, more or less; x x x"

before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 1107, Page No. 31, Book No. XXX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMILY TIATCO BERNARDO** who died at the Sta. Teresita General Hospital, 100 D. Tuazon Street, Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share and Deed of Donation on her estate; and more particularly described as the one half ½ share in the house and lot located in 7-16 Sampaguita Drive, Town and Country Homes, Pulung Bulu, City of San Fernando, (Capital), Pampanga, with an area of One Hundred Fifty Square Meters (150), as described in T.C.T. No. 528505-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Jose Adrian M. Dayrit, as per Doc. No. 1191, Page No. 26, Book No. VI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ADOLFO DELOS REYES** who died on April 16, 2007 at Camachiles Resettlement, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **BIATA PAYABYAB DELOS REYES** who died on January 29, 2010 at Camachiles Resettlement, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 14, Blk. 38, of the subd., plan Pcs-035409-004168, being a portion of the consolidated lot 71, Mabalacat Cad. & Parcel 32, Lot 29, Psu-3908 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety (90) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 191434; before Notary Public Atty. Mark Andrew M. Santiago, as per Doc. No. 2295, Page No. 50, Book No. LVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No.___ Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No.1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **DOMINIQUE M. REYES** has filed with this Office, a petition for the **CHILD'S SEX from MALE to FEMALE;** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **DOMINIQUE M. REYES** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 28, 1995** at **SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA** and whose parents are **AUGUSTO REYES AND LUCIA MASARBITO.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than 2 consecutive weeks.

RIMANDO E. UMALI
CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18 & 25, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
City Civil Registry Office
Province of Pampanga
City of San Fernando

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048 & RA 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. TERESA L. ZABLAN** filed with this office a petition in the **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH of MA. TERESA TAPNIO LAXAMANA to CHANGE CHILD'S FIRST NAME from MARIA TERESA to MA. TERESA; CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH from APRIL 7 1977 to MARCH 7, 1977;** who was born on **MARCH 7, 1977** at San Fernando, Pampanga, and whose parents are **JESUS LAXAMANA AND LEONOR TAPNIO.**

RIMANDO E. UMALI
City Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **NORMITA SORIANO GALANG,** of legal age, Filipino citizen, and a resident of City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and heirs of **JASON SORIANO GALANG,** who died on November 6, 1996 in the City of Pasig, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

1.Stock Brokerage/Trading Account maintained with COL Financial Group, Inc. under Account No. 0700-9880, including all cash balances, securities, stocks, investments, and appurtenant rights pertaining thereto, hereto attached as Annex "C."
2.Account maintained with CIMB Bank Philippines under Account No. 2086 0738 860678, including all deposits, balances, interests, and appurtenant rights pertaining thereto, hereto attached as Annex "D."
3.Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand (242,000) shares of stocks in Wildcard Investment Corporation. A copy of the latest General Information Sheet of Wildcard Investment Corporation is attached hereto as Annex "E."

before Notary Public Atty. Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 94, Page No. 20, Book No. CII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MIRAFE D. MANALASTAS** who died on January 8, 2018 at San Nicolas I, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate; and left an improvement erected on a parcel of land, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 351094-R; inluding, but not limited to and more particularly described a residential building classified as TYPE IV, CLSS C-P (Single Detached), as evidenced by Tax Declaration of Real Property TD No. GR2020-10-0001-00338, issued by the Office of the Municipal Assessor of Magalang, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 4580, Page No. 094, Book No. XXXVI, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VIRGILIO PUNSALAN LAWINGCO** who died on December 29, 2018 in Angeles City, Pampanga and **RICARDO C. LAWINGCO** who died on March 14, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI) Angeles City Branch, Joint Bank Savings Account No. 0763-020398 with a balance pf Php 118,219.21 as of October 2, 2026 and still accruing;

2. Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI) Angeles City Branch, Joint Bank Savings Account No. 0763-024202 with a balance pf Php 1,782,564.03 as of October 2, 2026 and still accruing;

before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 1400, Page No. 79, Book No. CLII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOY ALDEN ALVARO DIAZ** who died on September 14, 2021 at St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, Blk. 7, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-59395, Sht. 1 being a portion of Lot 2 (LRC) Psd-57235, LRC Rec. No. 8714), situated in the Barangay Telabastagan, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 5868991-R; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 4496, Page No. 82, Book No. XXI, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MAGDALENA DAVID** who died on April 18, 2020 at 046 Purok 1, San Nicolas I, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and she left a parcel of land situated in Barrio of San Miguel and San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 154561-M (551094-R, hereinafter reffered to as the "Property"; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 4580, Page No. 094, Book No. XXXVI, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALFREDO C. MORENO** who died on December 08, 2016; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. NO. CARP2013000041
PATENT NO. 035415
(Registry of Deeds Province of Pampanga)
Lot 2506, Fp-03-040316

Beginning at a point marked "1" of lot 2506, Cad. 156, being S. 10-28 E., 869.56 m from B.B.M. NO. 17, Porac Cadastre, thence S. 20-34 W., 79.52 m. to point 2,; N. 35-51 W., 84.71 m. to point 3; N. 53-16 E., 31.77 m to point 4; S. 75-46 E., 53.73 m to point 1; point of beginning. Containing an area of Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight (3468) Square meters more or less...

before Notary Public Atty. Bianca Viel T. Caligagan, as per Doc. No. 464, Page No. 56, Book No. II, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ESTEBAN B. SINGIAN** who died on November 13, 2019 in the Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Whereas the deceased was a lawful Emancipation Patent awardee and registered owner of a parcel of agricultural land situated in Barangay Calzadang Bayu, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines; containing an area of Four Thousand Seventy Six (4,076) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 30541, issued pursuant to Emancipation Patent No. 00788571; before Notary Public Atty. Denise Patricia Y. Lontok, as per Doc. No. 426, Page No. 87, Book No. I, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EUSEBIO AGUSTIN AGUSTIN** who died on May 18, 2017; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Shares on his/her estate; Whereas, the deceased left a bank deposit account with Land Bank of the Philippines (Angeles Baranch) and more particularly described as follows;

Bank/Branch	Account Number/Type	Currency	Current Balance
LAND BANK (Angeles Branch)	1526-0915-70 (321 VISA ATM-AFP PENSIONER	PHP	PHP 100,366.68

before Notary Public Atty. Ethel Joi M. Mendoza, as per Doc. No. 472, Page No. 96, Book No. IV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIANO SANCHEZ GUTIERREZ** who died on April 17, 1989 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **LEONIDA PASAMONTE GUTIERREZ** who died on November 12, 1987 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1-E of the subdivision plan Psd-03-02282), being a portion of Lot 1, Block 13, Psd-58311 L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Francisco, Municipality of Mabalacat, Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Nineteen (219) Square Meters; and covered by Technical Description Lot 1-E; Psd-03-022820, Quitangil Estate, National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Atty. Sancho M. Abas, Jr., as per Doc. No. 119, Page No. 24, Book No. XCV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OSCAR SUAREZ CASTAÑEDA, JR.,** who died on April 13, 2026; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and at the time of his death, left real properties consisting of two (2) parcels of land/units located at Grand Tierra Phase 2B, Capas, Tarlac, and more particularly described as follows;

Project / Development: Grand Tierra Phase 2B
Unit Description: Block 11, Lot 20
Location: Barangay Sto. Domingo, Capas, Tarlac

Project / Development: Grand Tierra Phase 2B
Unit Description: Block 11, Lot 22
Location: Barangay Sto. Domingo, Capas, Tarlac

before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 8339, Page No. 34, Book No. 96, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RONALD SWIN FLORES,** who died on October 10, 2026 in Guagua, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and at the time of his death he left a RCBC Savings Account No. 0000009062677754 at RCBC Guagua, Pampanga Branch in the amount of Php 333,762.39; before Notary Public Atty. Romeo B. Torno, as per Doc. No. 264, Page No. 54, Book No. 145, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PACITA DAVID MIRANDA DE LEON** who died on December 2, 2009 at Sta Lucia Resettlement, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 29, Blk. 5 of the cons. Subd. plan. Pcs-03-009574, being a portion of consolidated of Blk. 1, Pcs-03-008811, lot 1-N,Q,R,S, Psd-03-077695, lot 32-A-1, lot 32-A-5, Psd-035411-052425, lots E,F,O,N, Psd-045411-050698, lot 27-D-2 to lot 27-D-5, Psd-03-067642 & lot 27-D-1-B, Psd-010029 LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Isidro & Sta. Lucia, Mun. of Magalang, Pampanga and containing an area of One Hundred Eight (108) Square meter and covered by Transfer Certificate of title No. 581721-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 44, Book No. XCVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA HELENA CORTEZ BOGNOT** who died on October 17, 2025 at the Tiglao Medical Center Foundation, Inc., San Joaquin, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Liquidation of the Absolute Community of Property on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

a. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2021002099

A parcel of land (Lot 364-B-1 of the subd. plan, (LRC) Psd-47743, being a portion of Lot 364-B, described on plan (LRC) Psd-34212, (LRC) GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 148), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Ines, Mun. of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Thirty Seven (337) square meters, more or less;

b. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2021002100

A parcel of land (Lot 364-B-18 of the subd. plan, (LRC) Psd-47743, being a portion of Lot 364-B, described on plan (LRC) Psd-34212, (LRC) GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 148), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Ines, Mun. of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Twenty Six (226) square meters, more or less;

before Notary Public Atty. Eller Jed M. Mendoza, as per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 39, Book No. XVIII, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LAWRENCE M. SANTOS** and **JOJIT P. SANTOS** who died on March 15, 2019 and April 29, 2017 in City of Angeles and Mabalacat; executed an Affidavit of Addendum Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 95, Blk. 4 of the cons-subd. plan Pcs-03-015720, being a portion of Lot 3008-P-4, 3008-P-5, 3008-P-7, Psd-141126; 3008-P-6-A to 3008-P-6, Psd-03-159018 LRC Rec. No. 151), situated in the Brgy. of Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Forty Five (45) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 696471-R; before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 140, Page No. 38, Book No. XCVIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 25, November 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JESUS T. GONZALES** who died on February 10, 2026 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Mcarthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Whereas, during his lifetime, the decedent acquired a real property, located in Barrio of San Vicente, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2020005269, with an area of One Thousand (1,000) square meters, more or less (the "Property"); before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 2848, Page No. 62, Book No. XXXIII, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JONATHAN GARCIA SALUNGA** who died on May 7, 2026 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Mac Arthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver on his estate; and left a parcel of land, covered by TCT No. 045-2016008417, situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Municipality (now City) of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Venancio Q. Rivera III, as per Doc. No. 1484, Page No. 88, Book No. LXII, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSEFINA A. VILLANUEVA** who died on May 21, 2026 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011615
(With Improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 4 of the consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-1603, Being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 838-A, 838-B, 838-C, 838-D, 838-E, 838-F, described on Plan Psd-29214, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pulung- x x x."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011616
(With Improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 16, Block 4 of the consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-1603, Being a portion of the Consolidation of Lots 838-A, 838-B, 838-C, 838-D, 838-E, and 838-F, described on Plan Psd-29214, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of x x x."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011617
(With Improvements)

"Un Terrano (Lote No. 27, Block No. 37 Del Plano De Subdivision Psd-3066, Parte Del Lote No. 590 De La Medicion Catastral De Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 124), Situado En El Barrio De Lourdes, Municipio De Angeles, Provincia De La Pampanga Linda Por El Ne Con El Lote No. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025011618
(With Improvements)

"Un Terrano (Lote No. 26, Block No. 37 Del Plano De Subdivision Psd-3066, Parte Del Lote No. 590 De La Medicion Catastral De Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 124), Situado En El Barrio De Lourdes, Municipio De Angeles, Provincia De La Pampanga Linda Por El Ne Con El Lote No. x x x

before Notary Public Atty. Rhofel T. Lopez, as per Doc. No. 495, Page No. 11, Book No. III, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ERNESTO CUBACUB TUAZON,** who passed away on June 14, 2021, leaving two(2) parcels of land situated in the Philippines, covered by:

1.Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 494610-R, containing an area of 1,421 square meters, more or less; and

2.Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 494618-R, containing an area of 2,164 square meters, more or less;

has been extrajudicially settled among his legal heirs with **EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ADJUDICATION OF CONJUGAL SHARE AND CO-OWNERSHIP and SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY,** as per **Doc. No. 05-660, Page No. 80, Book No. 1, Series of 2026, acknowledged before Ms. Robelyn L.Sejalbo,** Notary Public in and for the State of Hawaii (Commission No. 05-660, with commission expiry date on October 30, 2029).

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO DAVID ANTIGO** who died on December 23, 2017 at Purok 2, Señora, Porac, Pampanga and **GLORIA G. BARUELO** who died on August 14, 2023 at Sta. Maria, Concepcion, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation, Waiver of Rights and Partition Agreement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 40-D, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-177241, being a portion of lot 40, Psd-035415-061304 (OLT) L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Sinura, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Five Hundred (500) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 709832-R, before Notary Public Atty. Alfred Stalin Francisco, as per Doc. No. 170, Page No. 35, Book No. XI, Seriess of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARLOS DEL ROSARIO GARCIA** who died on July 27, 2024 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 9, Block 10, of the subd., plan Psd-38311, being a portion of Lot 354-C described on plan Psd-15053, 15053, L.R.C. Cad., Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Saul Aries Marck V. Ortiz, as per Doc. No. 631, Page No. 55, Book No. IV, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DENNIS PABALAN CUELLAR** who died on August 6, 2025 at City of Angeles, Pampanga Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2011002931

A parcel of land (Lot 14, Blk. 7 of the Cons-Subd Plan Pcs-035416-004523, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 4403-UUU-15, Psd-035416-049999& Lot 4403-UUU-14-B, Psd-035416-052064, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Panipuan, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pam.; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 82817

A parcel of land (Lot 28-B, of the Subdivision Plan Psd-03-029823, being a portion of Lot 28, Block 28, Psd-3066, L.R.C Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles; containing an area of Eighty (180) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Paul Nikon T. Alcayro, as per Doc. No. 505, Page No. 52, Book No. X, Seriess of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

PCG, BFAR deliver fuel to fishers at Bajo de Masinloc

MANILA – Filipino fishermen in the vicinity of Bajo de Masinloc received on Oct. 27 fuel from the Philippine Coast Guard and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under the Kadiwa ng Bagong Bayaning Mangingisda (KBBM) Program.

BFAR vessel MV Mamalakaya with the support of the PCG vessel BRP Malapascua (MRRV-4403) made the delivery at sea, with a PCG Islander 251 aircraft undertaking a maritime domain awareness flight over the area to ensure the safety of the fishermen and the BFAR vessel.

Some 50 Filipino fishing boats operating in the traditional fishing ground lined up to MV Mamalakaya soon as it arrived up to receive fuel. They expressed their appreciation for the government's effort to deliver fuel support directly to them at sea, which allows them to stay longer in the fishing ground and reduce the cost of their expeditions amid high fuel prices.

The KBBM Program purchases the fresh catch of Filipino fishermen directly at sea and provides them with fuel and ice to lower their operational costs and sustain their presence in the West Philippine Sea.

The strong turnout of fishing boats at Bajo de Masinloc shows that Filipino fishermen continue to exercise their traditional fishing rights in the area, as affirmed by the 2016 Arbitral Award, and that the government's support is reaching them where they need it most.

PCG commandant Vice Admiral Rommel Supangan directed the deployment of PCG surface and air assets to secure the mission, underscoring that the protection of Filipino fishermen and the delivery of government support to them at sea remain among the priorities of the Coast Guard in the West Philippine Sea. The Commandant also commended the crews of BRP Malapascua, PCG Islander 251, and MV Mamalakaya for the safe and successful conduct of the activity.

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No. Vacancy	Position Title	Job Description
1	**Chinese Consultant**	The position occupied involves, as among others, acting as the primary liaison between the Company and Chinese-speaking clients, investors, suppliers, and business partners; facilitating business communication, negotiations, and transactions through Mandarin Chinese and English translation and interpretation; reviewing business documents, proposals, agreements, and communications involving Chinese stakeholders; providing support on Chinese business culture, negotiation practices, and professional protocols;
1	**Chinese Data Integrity Analyst for Electronics**	The position involves, as among others, reviewing, validating, and maintaining the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of data relating to the machinery and/or equipment; analyzing product specifications, technical information, inventory records, and other business data; identifying and resolving data discrepancies, inconsistencies, and errors; preparing and maintaining accurate reports and documentation; translating and validating technical and product-related information between Mandarin Chinese and English; coordinating with Chinese foreign clients, suppliers, and business partners regarding data and product information; ensuring the timely updating and proper maintenance of databases and records; and organizing and conducting technical and data-related skills training sessions for Filipino employees.
2	**Chinese Marketing Supervisor**	The position involves, as among others, assisting in the development, planning, and implementation of marketing strategies of technical products and specifications; conducting market research and analysis to identify customer preferences, market trends, and business opportunities; coordinating with Chinese foreign suppliers, clients and business partners in Mandarin Chinese and English; preparing, reviewing, translating, and processing marketing materials, product information, and business-related documents; overseeing marketing campaigns and promotional activities; monitoring sales and market performance; ensuring the accuracy and consistency of translated and published marketing content; facilitating communication between Mandarin Chinese and English; and organizing and conducting product knowledge and skills training sessions for Filipino employees.
3	**Chinese Specialist Documentation**	The position involves, among others, assisting Chinese foreign clients in the preparation, review, translation, and processing of immigration, business registration, employment, and other government-related documents; ensuring the accuracy, completeness, and timely submission of applications and permits; maintaining organized records and documentation; facilitating communication between Mandarin and Chinese;
1	**Logistics Specialist**	The position occupied involves, among others, coordinating with Chinese suppliers, manufacturers, freight forwarders, and business partners regarding shipment schedules, logistics requirements, and delivery arrangements; facilitating communication between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local logistics teams; monitoring inventory movement and maintaining accurate logistics records; and assisting in the efficient execution of logistics operations and related administrative functions
2	**Machine and Furnace Technicians**	The position occupied is highly technical as it involves, among others, to operate inspect, repair, and maintain hot work production furnaces, heat treating systems, and other heating, cooling, and ventilation facilities
3	**Procurement Manager**	The position occupied involves, among others, developing and maintaining business relationships with Chinese suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and trading partners; coordinating and negotiating commercial arrangements involving product sourcing, pricing, supply terms, and delivery schedules; identifying potential suppliers, customers, and business opportunities in Chinese and international markets; facilitating communication, translation, and interpretation of trading-related documents and business discussions; and serving as the primary liaison between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local management or operational teams.
2	**Repair and Maintenance Technicians**	The position is highly technical as it involves, among others, the installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, operation, cleaning, lubrication, adjustment, repair, and optimization of specialized plant machinery and equipment imported from China. The position likewise requires diagnosing mechanical and operational issues, disassembling and reassembling machinery, replacing defective components, testing repaired equipment to ensure safe and efficient operations, providing technical assistance on the proper operation of machinery, and conducting skills training for Filipino employees.
4	**Warehouse Manager**	The position occupied involves, among others, coordinating with Chinese management, suppliers, and business partners regarding warehouse operations, inventory requirements, and logistics arrangements; facilitating communication between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local warehouse personnel; ensuring the proper handling, labelling, storage, and safekeeping of products, materials, and equipment; and maintaining accurate warehouse documentation and operational records.

Qualifications

- Relevant experience in documentation, warehouse operations, consultancy, logistics, trading, business coordination, or related industries.
- Excellent organizational, communication, negotiation, and coordination skills.
- Strong understanding of Chinese business culture, practices, and professional etiquette.
- Excellent organizational, communication, negotiation, and coordination skills.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, meet deadlines, and work effectively in a multicultural business environment.
- Proficient in Mandarin and Fookien (Hokkien), both spoken and written.
- Knowledgeable in Chinese language technicalities, including proper interpretation of Chinese terminology, business expressions, and industry-specific communications.
- Knowledgeable in the operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of Chinese and/or Taiwanese manufactured industrial machinery and equipment,
- Willing to work on shifting schedules and render overtime, when necessary.

Applications may be sent to:

MS. MIA CABUNILLAS
HR Manager
hr.superbsteel@yahoo.com

COMPANY / EMPLOYER:

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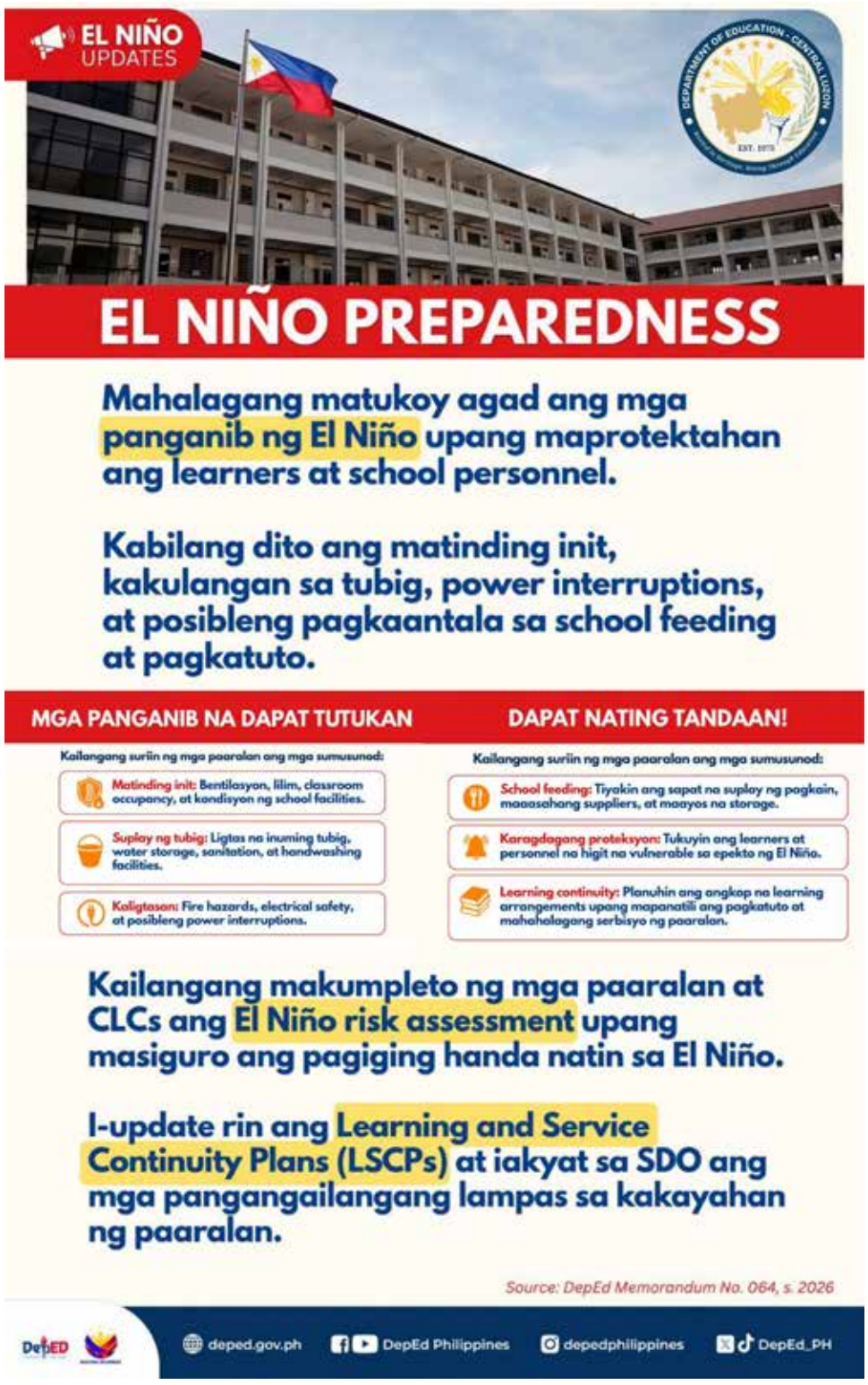
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Manufacturing

NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL INTENDING TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION

NAME	ADDRESS	NATIONALITY	INTENDED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT:
CHEN, WEN	Pasig City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
CHEN, ZHIYI	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
HE, BIJIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
HUANG, HAI	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LAI, LIANGSHENG	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIANG, DEQUAN	Oriental Mindoro	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIN, ZUOCHENG	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIU, SHENGGANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LUO, ZHENCHUN	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
MA, GEAN	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
QIAO, WEIJIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
SONG, KEMING	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIALI	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIASHENG	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIAJUN	Makati City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIAPING	Makati City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
WANG, MINGBO	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
YANG, LIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
ZHOU, LEBIN	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years

Company hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Department of Labor and Employment – Region III** located at **Matalino cor. Mahusay St., Diosdado Macapagal Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.**

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8 & 15, 2026



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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO,
Mortgagee

versus

MA. ELAINE EUGENIO REYES and SPOUSES ELIZABETH EUGENIO REYES and NESTOR CARLOS REYES,
Debtors/Mortgagors

FC CASE NO. 2026-0079

Extrajudicial Foreclosure Proceedings of Mortgaged Property Under Act No. 3135 as Amended

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial application for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by the above-named mortgagee against the debtors/mortgagors **MA. ELAINE EUGENIO REYES and SPOUSES ELIZABETH EUGENIO REYES and NESTOR CARLOS REYES,** with postal addresses at: (1) No. 25, F. Carlos Street, Howmart Road, Barangay Apolonio Samson, Baesa, Quezon City; and (2) Lot 8 Block 11 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage debt which as of July 15, 2026 amounts to **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTAVOS (Php675,527.38),** the undersigned will sell at public auction on **December 16, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities of Mabalacat City, Pampanga, Branch 1, located at Bldg. 2, Unit 32-35, Great Mall of Central Luzon, Xevera, Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga,** to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2023002882

LOT NO: 8 **BLOCK NO.** 11 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-021923
PORTION OF: LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7, PCS-03-083529, LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-D-8-1, (LRA) PSD-414557 AND LOT 13, (LRA) PCS-E2013000109
LOCATION: STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 18, BLOCK 11, PCS-03-021923
2-3	NW	LOT 9, BLK. 11, PCS-03-021923
3-4	NE	ROAD LOT 15 (6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-03-021923
4-1	SE	LOT 7, BLOCK 11, PCS-03-021923

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Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 **January 27, 2027 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** without further notice.

Angeles City, August 12, 2026.

JAMES R. CUMAGUN
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

MA. ELAINE EUGENIO REYES and SPOUSES ELIZABETH EUGENIO REYES and NESTOR CARLOS REYES
(1) No. 25, F. Carlos Street, Howmart Road, Barangay Apolonio Samson, Baesa, Quezon City; and
(2) Lot 8 Block 11 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga
LEINE A. DE CASTRO
BDO UNIBANK, INC. REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

Punto! Central Luzon: October 18, 25 & November 1, 2026

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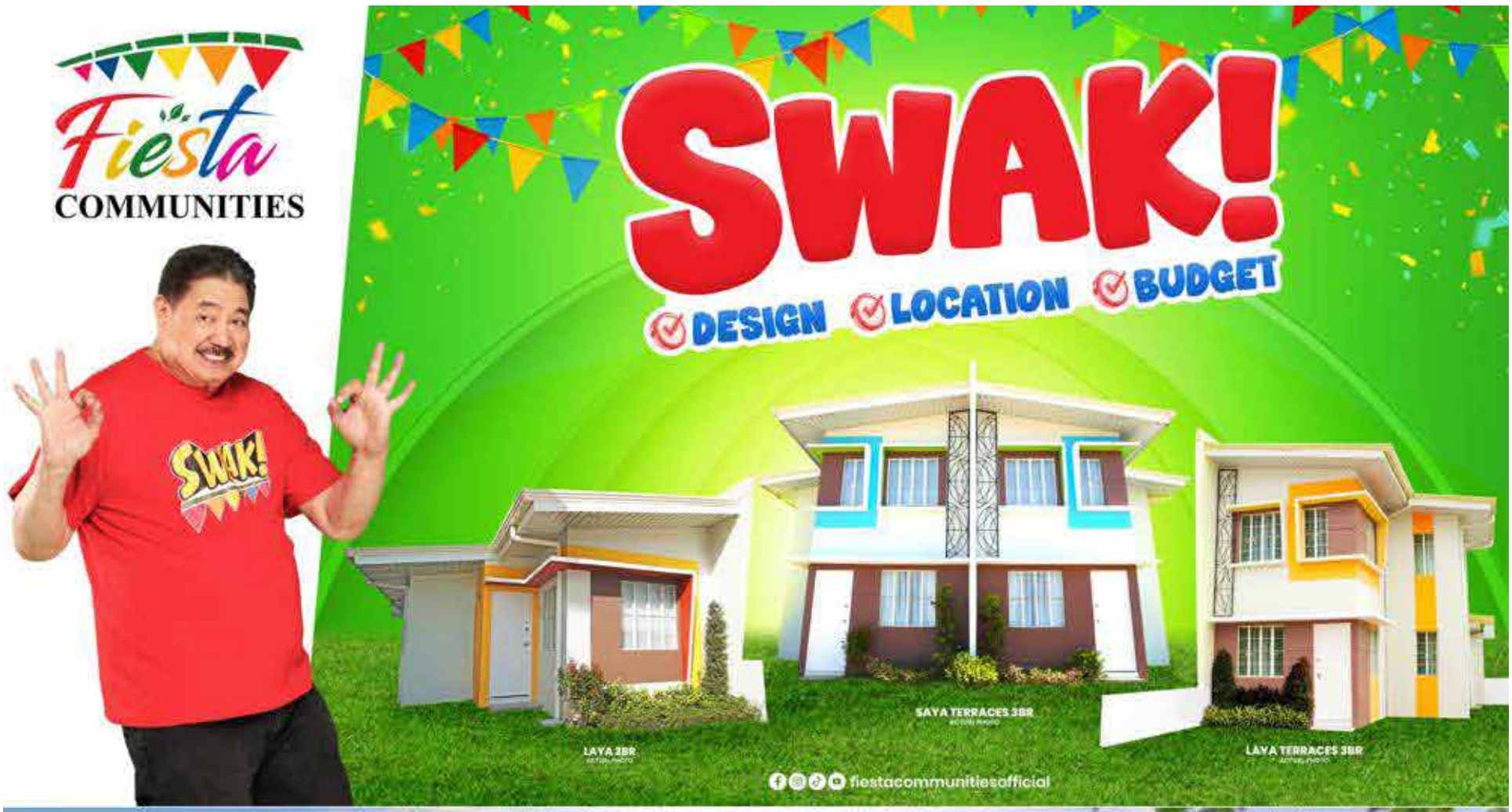
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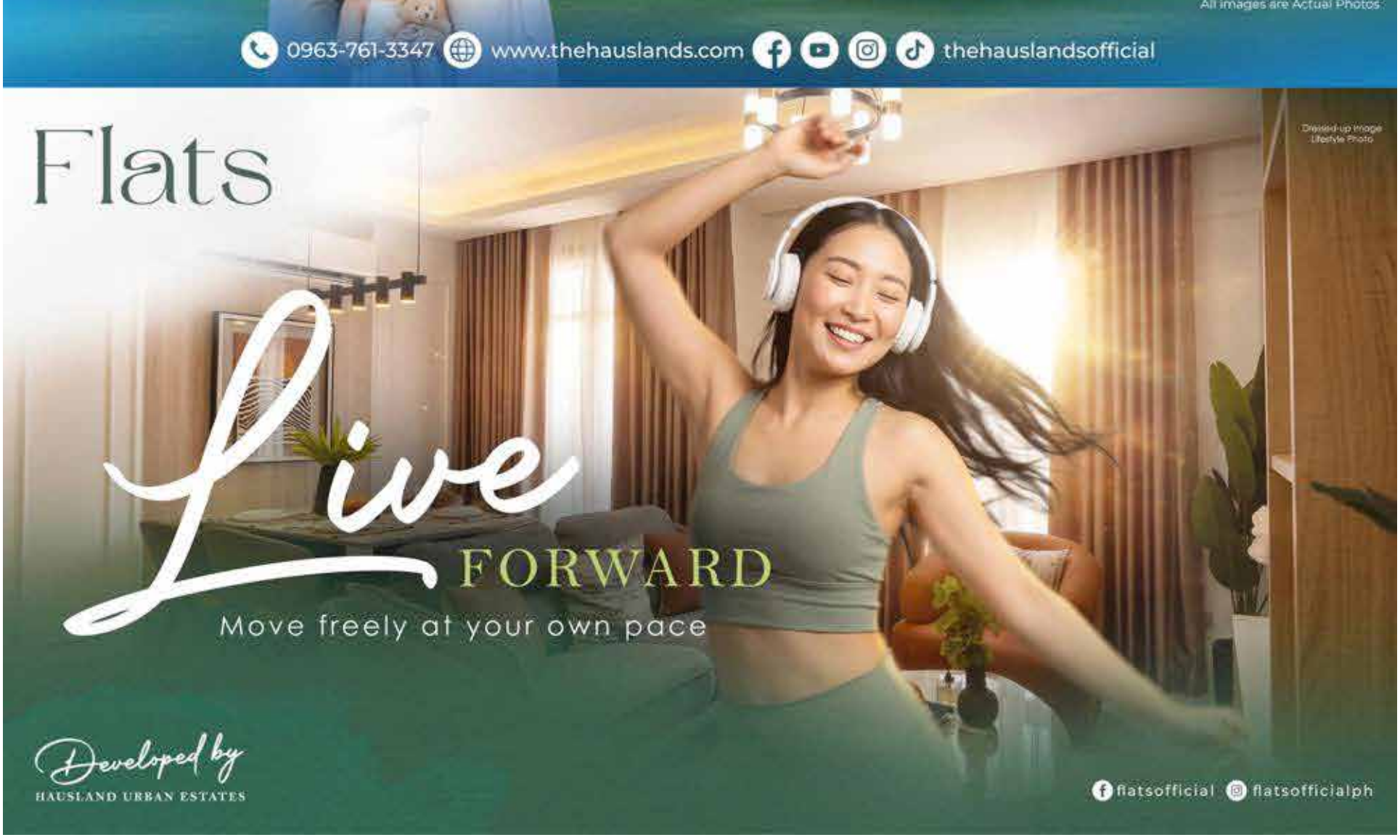
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BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO,
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–versus–
MA. DELYN BAUTISTA VIRAY represented by MARIA DAISY BAUTISTA VIRAY, Attorney-In-Fact,
Debtor/Mortgagor.
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EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 26-0493(M)

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO,** with principal office at Remedial Management Unit, 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack Wack, Mandaluyong City against MA. DELYN BAUTISTA VIRAY represented by MARIA DAISY BAUTISTA VIRAY, Attorney-In-Fact, registered owner of **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2020002989,** residents of Unit 8 Fernando Mallari Apartment, Sto. Rosario, Macabebe, Pampanga and Lot 12 Block 22 Road Lot 11 Dreamland Subdivision, Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 17, 2026 amounts to **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO PESOS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTAVOS (₱1,707,682.68),** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other expenses, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **07 December 2026 at 10:00 in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga,** to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020002989

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, bounded and described as follows:

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Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
Case No. 26-0494(M)

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by **PHILIPPINE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS,** with principal office at PBCOM Tower, 6795 Ayala Avenue corner V. A. Rufino Street, Makati City, 1226 Metro Manila, against **FREDERICK B. RONCAL**, registered owner of **Transfer Certificates of Title No. 042-2017016793 and JACQUELINE G. BUSTOS,** both with residential/postal addresses at (i) 212 Saint Dominic Subdivision, Sto. Niño, Masantol, Pampanga; and (ii) Lot 8 Block 20, Road Lot 9 corner Road Lot 10, Dreamland Subdivision, Barangay Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 15, 2026 amounts to **One Million Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Three Pesos and Fifty Seven Centavos (PhP1,031,343.57),** Philippine Currency, inclusive of unpaid interests, penalties and other fees, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **December 7, 2026 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebe, Pampanga,** to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

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BOC-Port Subic handles first 100 BYD cars, eyes more vehicle imports

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The Port of Subic is positioning itself to capture more automotive import business after the Bureau of Customs processed its first shipment of 100 BYD passenger vehicles for the Philippine domestic market, signaling potential growth in commercial cargo through the port.

The shipment, consisting of various BYD models and variants, was processed under a consumption entry, allowing the vehicles to enter the local market after complying with customs requirements.

BOC-Port of Subic District Collector Atty. Geniefelle P. Lagmay welcomed the development, expressing hope that the initial shipment would lead to sustained vehicle importation activities through Subic.

The arrival of the vehicles highlights the port's potential to handle a wider range of commercial shipments as importers consider logistics options for bringing goods into the country. The BOC coordinated with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority in facilitating the shipment, underscoring the role of inter-agency cooperation in supporting trade and cargo operations within the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

With its port facilities and logistics infrastructure, Subic serves as a gateway for cargo moving through Central Luzon and other markets. Additional vehicle shipments could broaden the port's commercial activity and create opportunities for related logistics and distribution services.

The BOC said it remains committed to facilitating legitimate trade while ensuring compliance with customs regulations and import requirements.

BOC-Subic District Collector Atty. Geniefelle P. Lagmay (center) joins BOC personnel during the unloading of the port's first shipment of 100 BYD passenger vehicles for the Philippine domestic market.

Aboitiz Construction secures 5th Consecutive 'Philippines' Best Employers' distinction

ABOITIZ CONSTRUCTION has been named one of the "Philippines' Best Employers 2027" by the Philippine Daily Inquirer and global research firm Statista, marking the fifth consecutive year the company has earned a spot on the national list.

In the latest rankings, Aboitiz Construction placed 85th overall nationwide and ranked 3rd in the Construction, Oil & Gas Operations, Mining and Chemicals category. The selection was based on an independent evaluation of over 3,500 companies and a direct survey of more than 10,000 employees assessing workplace conditions, organizational culture, and professional development.

"Earning this distinction speaks directly to the passion and resilience of our Kaubans. This honor reinforces our drive to empower our workforce while delivering top-tier operational excellence in everything we do," said Antonio Peñalver, Executive Director of Aboitiz Construction.

Receiving this accolade reinforces Aboitiz Construction's commitment to creating a workplace where employees are valued, empowered, and equipped to succeed. The company actively expands job access through localized recruitment one-stop shops in remote provinces, while investing in its workforce through competitive compensation, leadership development, structured succession planning, and internal career advancement.

To support long-term professional growth, Aboitiz Construction fosters a culture grounded in open communication through regular town halls, peer recognition, and continuous upskilling. By leveraging artificial intelligence and modern technology to streamline HR services, the company ensures its people remain its greatest asset while building a resilient, future-ready organization.

Celebrating its 51st anniversary, Aboitiz Construction continues to expand its heavy and light industrial, infrastructure, maintenance operations, and equipment rentals nationwide while reinforcing its commitment to being "Engineered for Excellence."

S&R OPENS IN AC

ANGELES CITY -- S&R Membership Shopping has officially opened its first branch here on Oct. 22 in Barangay Cutcut, joining the burgeoning city business community. Mayor Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II joined the S&R executives in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, store tour, brief opening program, and other activities marking the opening of the warehouse club chain's 35th branch nationwide and its 3rd in Pampanga. Beyond being another shopping destination for Angeleños, the arrival of S&R also brings new employment opportunities, business activity, and greater economic opportunities for the community which, Mayor Jon hails as a sound investment ensuring the upward trajectory of the socio-economic development of the city. **ANGELES CIO**

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YTPI breaks ground for school building in Mabalacat village

MABALACAT CITY – More learning spaces opened at Pila Elementary School in Barangay Duquit here with Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. (YTPI) breaking ground for its classroom donation project on Oct. 20.

As part of its 30th anniversary celebration themed "Contributing to the Progress of the Philippines and Beyond," YTPI will provide the school with a two-storey building with two new classrooms, in its continuing advocacy towards education and community development.

YTPI vice president for administration division Angelina C. Casasola shared her hope that the new facility would provide generations of students with a more comfortable and conducive learning environment.

For his part, YTPI vice president for plant operations division Juanito C. Arona highlighted the importance of leaving a lasting legacy through education and encouraged the school community to continue building on the project's impact.

Geraldine B. Bautista, YTPI department manager for corporate planning and business operations, also underscored the value of community cooperation in creating a better school environment for present and future learners.

In her response, PES principal Michelle D. Dizon expressed the school's gratitude to YTPI, emphasizing that more than the additional classrooms, the project offers greater opportunities and a brighter future for young Mabalaqueño learners.

Construction is expected to be completed within five to six months.

Also present during the groundbreaking rites were representatives from De Department of Education-Schools Division of Mabalacat City, MyeGie Construction, and Barangay Duquit officials.

Press Release

NLEX steps up pavement maintenance for safer, smoother journeys

NLEX CORPORATION continues pavement repair and maintenance along the NLEX and SCTEX to preserve road quality and provide motorists with safer, smoother journeys.

Recent pavement repairs have been completed in Marilao, Sta. Rita, Balintawak, and Tabang, while work continues in Bocaue. Similar maintenance activities are undertaken in other sections of the expressway network.

The works include mill-and-pave activities, which involve removing portions of the existing pavement and replacing them with new asphalt to restore the road surface.

The maintenance works are being managed to minimize disruption to motorists.

"Regular pavement maintenance is an important part of preserving the quality and durability of our expressways. By addressing pavement wear and tear and carrying out the necessary repairs, we help maintain reliable road conditions and support safer travel for our motorists," said NLEX President and General Manager Luis S. Reñon.

Motorists are reminded to observe traffic signs, follow speed limits, and exercise caution when passing through work zones.

NLEX Corporation will continue to provide regular advisories through its official social media channels to keep motorists informed of ongoing works and help guide their travel.

For assistance and inquiries, motorists may contact the NLEX hotline at 1-35000. Customer assistance is also available 24/7 through NLEX Corporation's official social media channels.

NLEX Corporation is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC).

Press Release

Fiesta Communities offers ready-for-occupancy units at Pag-IBIG Fund's 2nd National Housing Expo 2026

ANGELES CITY — Bringing aspiring homeowners closer to their dream of owning a home, FIESTA Communities Incorporated joins the Pag-IBIG Fund's 2nd National Housing Expo 2026 on October 19–20 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. As one of the highly anticipated gatherings in the real estate and housing industry, the expo brings together property developers and prospective homebuyers, creating opportunities to explore housing options and take meaningful steps toward homeownership.

As a consistent Top Developer of Pag-IBIG, the brand continues to champion the Filipino dream of homeownership, upholding its promise of providing every Filipino family with a home they aspire to and deserve.

Inspired by Filipino culture and the developer's festive spirit, the project's booth features lush greenery, traditional accents, and inviting spaces that reflect its vision of building communities where comfort, connection, and aspirations thrive. The booth also showcases residential offerings that open doors to new possibilities for aspiring homeowners.

Among the featured housing options are Ready-for-Occupancy (RFO) units, allowing homebuyers to move into their new homes sooner. Ideal for those eager to begin the next chapter of their lives, these units offer a practical path to homeownership without the wait associated with pre-selling properties.

Whether first-time homebuyers or property investors, visitors can connect with FIESTA Communities' property advisors to explore available housing options and discover opportunities suited to their needs and budgets. Adding to the excitement are discounts of up to ₱50,000 on selected units, making the journey toward owning a home even more rewarding.

Beyond providing homes, FIESTA Communities Incorporated remains committed to developing communities where Filipino families can build brighter futures. Guided by its mission of realizing hopes, uplifting lives, and empowering communities, the company continues to champion accessible homeownership and create opportunities for more families to experience the fulfillment of having a place to call their own.

Through its participation in the Pag-IBIG Fund's 2nd National Housing Expo 2026, FIESTA Communities Incorporated reaffirms its commitment to bringing affordable housing opportunities closer to Filipino families—making the dream of homeownership more attainable, one home and one community at a time. ***Press Release***

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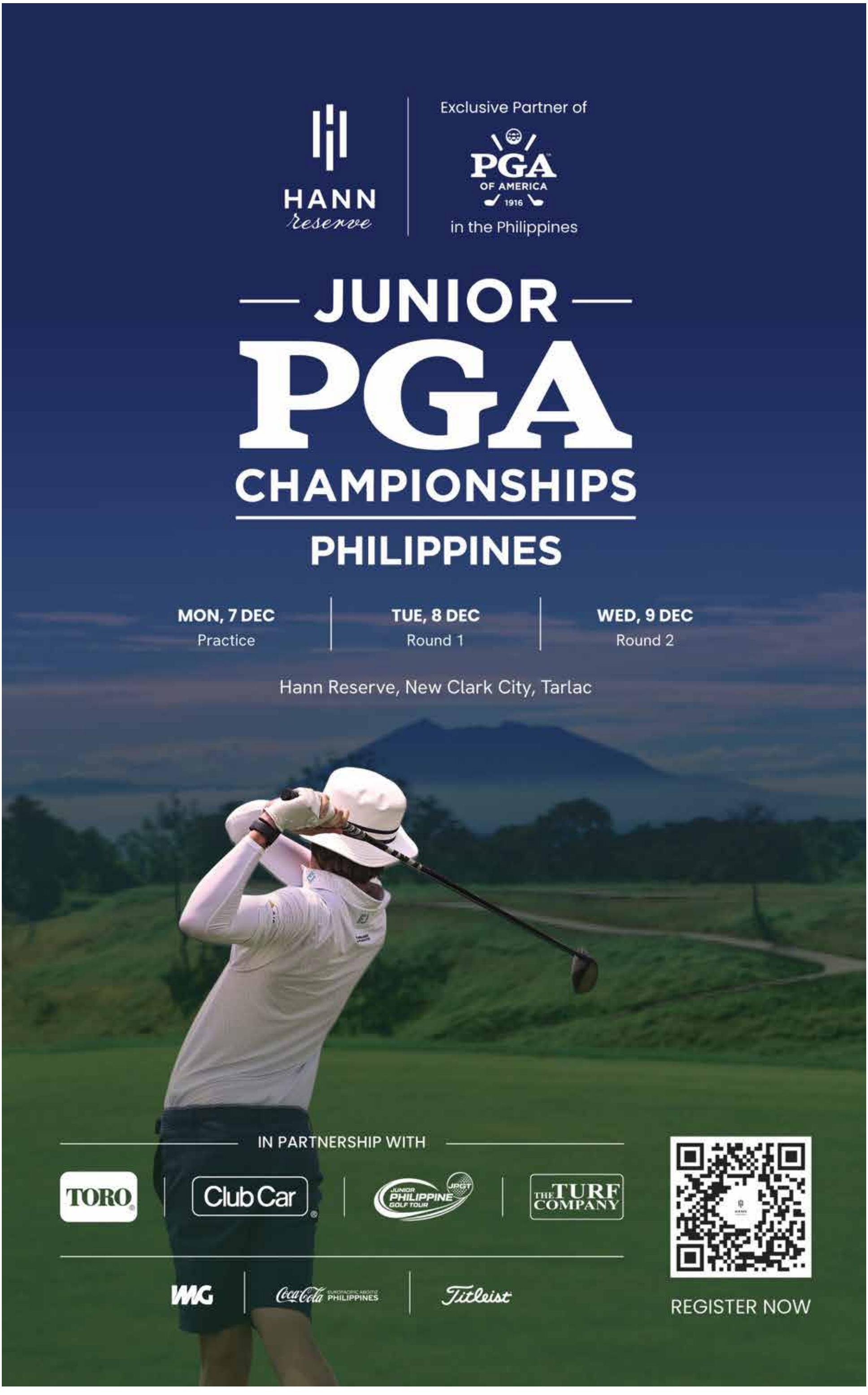
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Hann Reserve to host Inaugural Junior PGA Championships Philippines

NEW CLARK CITY, TARLAC - Hann Reserve, the exclusive facility partner of the PGA of America in the Philippines, will host the Junior PGA Championships Philippines from December 7-9, 2026, giving eligible junior golfers an opportunity to compete for places in the 2027 Junior PGA Championships at NCR Country Club in Ohio, United States. Developed by Hann Philippines, Inc., Hann Reserve is a 450-hectare eco-luxury golf and lifestyle estate located in New Clark City, Tarlac. Entering its pre-opening phase last February 2026, the development integrates championship sports, high-end hospitality, and sustainable practices. The estate features 54 holes of championship golf across three distinct courses designed by Nicklaus Design, K.J. Choi, and Sir Nick Faldo. In addition to iconic golf courses and training facilities at The PGA Village, the masterplan encompasses exclusive member amenities, upscale dining, retail options, and eco-farming initiatives. Through this holistic vision, Hann Reserve aims to establish a regenerative ecosystem that elevates Philippine tourism and positions the region as a major global hub for golf and sustainable luxury.

In a monumental win for Asian sports tourism and athletic development, Hann Reserve has officially launched the first Junior PGA Championships Philippines. The tournament brings together local and international junior players for three days of practice and competition. Set against the world-class landscape of New Clark City, Tarlac, this landmark collaboration establishes a pivotal bridge between local grassroots' talent and the global stage. The marquee event provides the nation's premier young athletes with an unprecedented, direct pathway to elite competitive opportunities worldwide.

As the exclusive facility partner of the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA of America)—the world's premier organization for golf instruction, course design, and professional development—Hann Reserve serves as the definitive standard bearer for world-class golf in the country. This alliance brings the prestige, technical rigor, and global network of the PGA directly to Philippine soil, transforming Hann Reserve from a luxury destination into a global center for elite athletic growth.

As the sole host of the Junior PGA Championships Philippines, Hann Reserve is opening a groundbreaking pathway for local talent. The overall Boy and Girl stroke play Champions will secure direct exemptions to represent the country at the prestigious 2027 Junior PGA of America Championships at NCR Country Club in Ohio, USA. With this inaugural hosting, the Philippines joins China as one of only two nations recognized by the PGA of America to host an international qualifier for the world-renowned championship.

The championship is open to amateur junior golfers aged 12 to 18 with an official Handicap Index of 8.0 or lower. To maintain a tour-level standard, the field is strictly capped at 80 elite players. Competing over 36 holes of gross stroke play, participants will face the strategic test of Hann Reserve's championship layout.

From arrival through the closing awards ceremony, competitors and their families will immerse themselves in an environment built to professional tour standards. The tournament schedule is meticulously structured for peak performance, opening with an official practice round on Monday, December 7, followed by two high-stakes days of championship play on December 8 and 9.

Clément Rousseau, Director of Golf at Hann Reserve, commented: "Beyond this historic first for the Philippines, we are excited to bring our partnership with the PGA of America to life as we prepare to open the PGA of America Performance Institute. This championship is an important milestone in that journey—offering an opportunity to introduce young golfers and their families to Hann Reserve, showcase our world-class layout, and inspire the next generation of players across the region."

Beyond the course, Hann Reserve delivers an end-to-end luxury hospitality experience for visiting athletes and their families. In partnership with Clark's premier hotels—including Clark Marriott, Swissotel Clark and Widus Hotel Clark—delegates enjoy exclusive, preferred accommodation rates. To complete the seamless journey, tailored private airport transfers and dedicated shuttle services are available, ensuring effortless connectivity between Clark International Airport, partner hotels, and the greens.

Pre-registration is officially open through October 28, 2026. With field size being strictly limited, places will be finalized by the Tournament Committee based on verified player handicap rankings. Prospective participants and accredited golf academies are invited to submit their pre-registration applications prior to the October 28, 2026, deadline. To review full eligibility criteria or secure a place in the field, please visit hannreserve.com or direct inquiries to pilipinasgolftournamentsinc@gmail.com.

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The Fiber Unli All plans also include unlimited landline calls, making it easier to stay in touch with family or connect with businesses and offices with landline services.

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Filinvest's Long-Term Bet on Central Luzon's Economic Future

Built on decades-long partnerships with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and Clark Development Corporation (CDC), the Filinvest Group continues to expand its role in Central Luzon's transformation through Filinvest Alabang, Inc. (FAI), the subsidiary managing Filinvest Mimosa Plus Leisure City and Filinvest New Clark City.

FAI's strategy is anchored by a proven track record in large-scale township development. As the developer behind Filinvest City, Alabang, the country's only green-certified business district, FAI has demonstrated how master-planned communities can integrate business, residential, commercial, and lifestyle components to create long-term economic value. Building on this experience, the company has expanded its footprint in Central Luzon, applying the same long-term vision while responding to the region's evolving opportunities.

At the center of this expansion are two Filinvest Townships developments with distinct but complementary functions: Filinvest Mimosa Plus Leisure City in Clark and Filinvest New Clark City in Tarlac.

Filinvest Mimosa Plus is a master-planned leisure township in Clark that brings together business, hospitality, residences, recreation, and lifestyle destinations

Filinvest Mimosa Plus: Where Business and Leisure Converge

When Filinvest assumed management of Mimosa in 2016, the estate was best known as a golf destination. Over the past decade, however, the company has reimagined the property into a 201-hectare integrated township where hospitality, recreation, business, residential, and lifestyle components come together in a single, master-planned leisure community.

This transformation is evident in the breadth of experiences now available within the estate. What was once centered primarily on golf has evolved into a live-work-play township anchored by hospitality and events venues, office spaces, residential communities such as Filigree's Golf Ridge Private Estate, expansive open spaces, and a growing mix of leisure and recreational amenities.

A key driver of its business positioning is its robust MICE and hospitality ecosystem. Quest Plus Conference Center Clark hosts conferences, corporate meetings, executive retreats, and industry events, while WorkPlus provides an office component that supports a growing business community.

Now in its turnover stage, Golf Ridge Private Estate, luxury residences by Filigree, offers an exclusive residential address with access to the golf, leisure, and lifestyle offerings of Filinvest Mimosa Plus.

Night golf offers a distinct recreational experience at the GEO Certified® Mimosa Plus Golf Course.

The township's unique advantage lies in its seamless blend of business and leisure. The GEO-certified Mimosa Plus Golf Course regularly accommodates corporate tournaments, networking activities, and incentive events, while The Hilltop expands the range of venues available for gatherings and retreats.

The township's lifestyle offerings have likewise expanded significantly. Filinvest Shoppes Mimosa has introduced dining concepts such as La Loca, Recado, Firehouse Pizza, Maison Matcha, Crabs N Crack, and At The Blanc. This retail and dining landscape is set to grow further with the upcoming Filinvest Malls Mimosa, which recently welcomed investors and prospective tenants to an exclusive preview that offered a first look at the opportunities the future mall will bring to the estate.

The Celebration Plaza at Filinvest Malls Mimosa provides a vibrant open-air setting for community gatherings, events, and shared experiences within Filinvest Mimosa Plus.

Accessibility remains a competitive advantage. Located near Clark International Airport and connected through NLEX and SCTEX, the township offers convenient access for local and international travelers, supporting its appeal as a location for business and investment activities.

Filinvest New Clark City: Building the Next Growth Corridor

Filinvest Innovation Park provides a strategically located, master-planned environment for industrial and logistics businesses in New Clark City.

While Filinvest Mimosa Plus represents what has successfully been established, Filinvest New Clark City reflects the foundations of tomorrow. As the first private township developer to establish its foothold within New Clark City, Filinvest is helping shape one of the country's most significant growth centers from its earliest stages.

The 288-hectare joint venture with BCDA reflects a shared vision for New Clark City as a future hub of innovation and economic activity. Through this collaborative partnership, Filinvest is helping bring this vision to life through a project that aligns with national development priorities while providing investors the assurance of long-term planning, infrastructure support, and institutional backing.

In contrast to many established cities that have had to adapt to rapid growth after the fact, FNCC was envisioned with expansion in mind. Its integrated road network, utility infrastructure, and strategically allocated development zones provide the flexibility to accommodate future industries and evolving technologies. The result is a city built with the capacity to grow sustainably, reducing many of the congestion and land-use challenges commonly associated with older urban centers.

Its strategic location within the Luzon Economic Corridor positions it within an economic zone that connects Subic Bay, Clark, Metro Manila, and Batangas. Together, these areas account for approximately half of the Philippines' GDP. SCTEX links FNCC westward to Subic's port and logistics ecosystem, while the NLEX-SCTEX corridor provides seamless access to Metro Manila. To the east, CLLEX opens opportunities toward Nueva Ecija and the Cagayan Valley, while TPLEX extends connectivity northward to Pangasinan, La Union, and the rest of Northern Luzon. This unique connectivity places FNCC at the crossroads of commerce and mobility, strengthening its role as a hub for trade, manufacturing, logistics, and investment.

Beyond its location, FNCC is being developed as a smart and sustainable township guided by an eco-tech-ture framework. By integrating green spaces, future-ready infrastructure, and environmental stewardship into its development, FNCC is not only equipped for the demands of tomorrow's industries but also committed to preserving the natural environment for future generations.

Anchoring the township's vision is the Filinvest Innovation Park, a 120-hectare industrial development that is already attracting locator activity. The park provides early evidence of the project's ability to generate economic value and support industrial growth in the region.

Among its pioneering investors is StB Giga, which established the country's first lithium iron phosphate battery manufacturing facility within the park. The Taiwan-based EDAC Group, a global leader in interconnectivity solutions, is also establishing a 5,000-square-meter manufacturing facility as part of its Southeast Asian expansion.

Beyond Filinvest New Clark City, the broader New Clark City area is steadily taking shape through the ongoing development of major national institutions, including the University of the Philippines NCC campus, the Philippine Science High School NCC campus, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas complex, Philippine Space Agency, and the Virology Institute of the Philippines.

As these institutions become fully operational over the next several years, they are expected to attract students, professionals, technology-driven enterprises, and supporting businesses. For investors and locators entering today, FNCC presents an opportunity to benefit from the economic momentum that will define the area in the near future.

Expanding a Long-Term Vision for Central Luzon

"What excites us about Central Luzon is not only what it is today, but what it is poised to become over the next decade," said Don Ubaldo, First Vice President and Head of Filinvest Townships. "The region benefits from significant infrastructure investments, a growing industrial base, and a clear development vision. Our role is to help translate that momentum into sustainable, long-term value through thoughtfully planned communities and investment destinations."

As Central Luzon accelerates its rise as a premier center for investment and economic activity, Filinvest's twin developments are poised to become defining landmarks in the region's growth story, driving opportunities today while helping shape its next stage of progress.

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Artist's Perspective of Golf Ridge Tower 1 and 2

The Defining Address of Leisure and Luxury in Clark

Clark's premier luxury residence Golf Ridge expands opportunities to own a private retreat within the landscapes and lifestyle that define Filinvest Mimosa Plus.

Across the country's emerging leisure destinations, few places offer the distinct appeal of Clark. Defined by a championship golf course, expansive green spaces, and a lifestyle centered on recreation, it has become a magnet for experience seekers where enjoyment, wellness, and modern convenience come together with remarkable ease.

Clark's growing appeal has also given rise to demand for residential enclaves tailored to those who wish to enjoy its attractions more often. Golf Ridge Private Estate, the exclusive residential enclave by luxury developer Filigree, offers a refined expression of luxury living in Clark. Nestled within Filinvest Mimosa Plus, a master-planned township that seamlessly integrates residential, hospitality, office, and lifestyle components, Golf Ridge is designed for those who seek a life centered in thoughtfully curated experiences.

With the first tower ready for occupancy and an upcoming second tower, discerning homeowners now have a opportunity to be part of one of Clark's most sought-after golf and leisure addresses.

Crafted as a Refined Residential Retreat

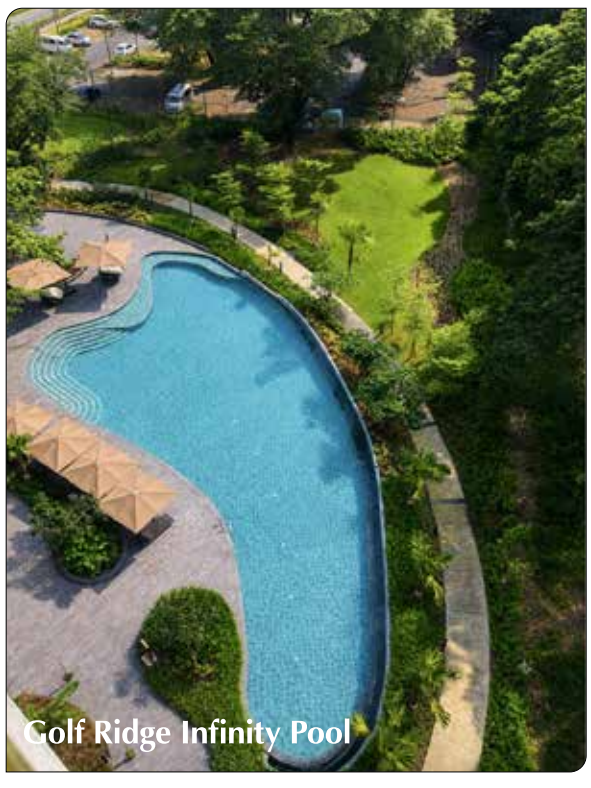
Envisioned as a six-tower residential estate spanning 3.3 hectares, Golf Ridge is a low-density community where exceptional design and lush landscape exist in harmony.

Designed by the renowned Leandro V. Locsin Partners and ROYAL PINEDA+ Architecture • Design, the development embraces generous proportions, expansive windows, and panoramic views that draw the scenic greenery into the living experience. Residences are crafted to feel bright and airy, with living spaces that invite both quiet moments of respite and effortless entertaining.

Complementing the residences is a curated collection of resort-inspired amenities, from an infinity pool and fitness gym to a game room and function hall. These spaces bring the ease and sociability of a country club community into the residential experience, creating opportunities for recreation and connection while reinforcing the estate's sense of privacy and exclusivity.

Where Leisure Comes Naturally

Life at Golf Ridge is further elevated by the exceptional lifestyle experiences in Filinvest Mimosa Plus that have made it a go-to leisure destination for weekend escapes.



Golf Ridge Infinity Pool

Adjacent to it is the GEO-certified Mimosa Plus Golf Course, whose expansive greens and picturesque fairways lend Golf Ridge its distinctive character. The golf course serves as both a scenic backdrop and a defining element of the estate's environment, bringing a laid-back country club rhythm to the community.

Beyond the fairways, the best of Filinvest Mimosa Plus is within easy reach. Residents can make the most of their day browsing through the food and retail offerings at Filinvest Shoppes Mimosa and Mimosa Lifestyle Mall or taking a stroll in the township's various parks and open spaces then spend an evening exploring Clark's growing dining and hospitality scene.

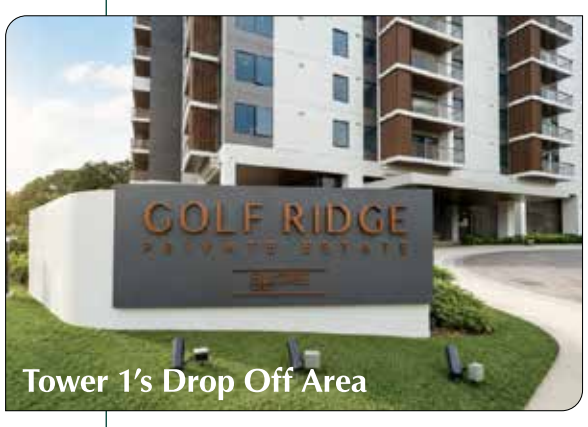
In this bespoke Filigree address, time moves at a more considered pace. Connected to both nature and a diverse mix of leisure and lifestyle destinations, residents enjoy the rare luxury of having a premier getaway destination to call their own.

A New Chapter Unfolds

As Golf Ridge continues to establish itself as one of Clark's most coveted addresses, the upcoming Tower Two introduces a new opportunity to be part of this crafted community. It is set to expand the estate's residential offerings while introducing new amenities, including a business center, indoor and outdoor children's play areas, a veranda, and the grand lawn.

"Golf Ridge embodies the kind of luxury that remains timeless, where elevated design, breathtaking surroundings, and diverse experiences come together in a truly distinctive setting," said Daphne Sanchez, Head of Filigree. "Tower Two expands this vision through residences that embrace Golf Ridge's sense of exclusivity, offering homeowners a private sanctuary within the vibrant lifestyle setting of Filinvest Mimosa Plus."

With its commanding views, low-density setting, and collection of thoughtfully curated amenities, Golf Ridge Private Estate presents a compelling expression of luxury living in Clark. With the Tower Two, a new chapter is about to begin within an address distinguished by the enduring appeal of life along the fairway.



Tower 1's Drop Off Area

Schedule a viewing to Golf Ridge Private Estate at 2 WorkPlus Bldg., Acacia Drive, Filinvest Mimosa+, Clark, Pampanga or visit its website at www.golfridge.com.ph to view its ready-for-occupancy units and experience firsthand the country club lifestyle community within Filinvest Mimosa Plus, Clark.

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Dowell — 3PCS 8-Cup Non-Stick Aluminum Pot Electric Rice Cooker
Savers — 2PCS 16-Inch 3-Speed Adjustable Height with Oscillating Head Stand Fan

3 UNITS IN 1 BUNDLE

SAVE ₱1,064

BUNDLE SRP: ₱4,054

PROMO BUNDLE PRICE:
₱2,990

Dowell — CM-470 — 0.6-liter/5-Cup 550W Coffee Maker with Auto Keep-warm and Anti-drip Function
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5 UNITS IN 1 BUNDLE

SAVE ₱1,619

BUNDLE SRP: ₱5,609

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Dowell — PH8-15 — 1200W 2-Speed Foldable with 2 Heat Levels and Concentrator Nozzle Hair Dryer
Savers — USSF-16SSH — 16-Inch 3-Speed Adjustable Height with Oscillating Head Stand Fan
Dowell — SI-788 — 2000W Non-stick Soleplate with 90ml Steam Tank and Thermostat Control Steam Iron
Dowell — EK-817 — 1.8-Liter 1500W Double-Wall Cool-Touch with Keep-Warm and Boil-Dry Protection Electric Kettle
Dowell — RCL-248 — 8-Cup Non-Stick Aluminum Pot Electric Rice Cooker

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Dowell — 7PCS 8-Cup Non-Stick Aluminum Pot Electric Rice Cooker
Savers — 2PCS 16-Inch 3-Speed Adjustable Height with Oscillating Head Stand Fan

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Where Nature Grows With the Family

Nature means different things at different stages of life.

Children can spend afternoons outdoors, parents can fit movement into the start or end of the day, while older family members can enjoy quieter walks and open views. On weekends, these individual routines can easily become time spent together.

That is the lifestyle envisioned at Trealva by Highlands Prime, Inc. (HPI), a pioneer in upscale leisure property development in the Philippines and a subsidiary of SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SM Prime).

Artist's Perspective

It extends to how the whole community is planned, landscaped and built.

Indigenous and native plants are integrated into the landscaping, while rain gardens and permeable paving help respond to the site's natural conditions. Microclimatic landscape design supports outdoor comfort, and underground utilities help preserve views toward the lake and mountains.

Homes are likewise encouraged to maximize natural light and use locally sourced materials, reinforcing the idea that the built environment should work with the landscape rather than compete with it.

Artist's Perspective

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ELEVATED BY ITS SETTING

Located in Talisay, Batangas, Trealva is a 19.9-hectare residential community and the first development within Midlands West, Tagaytay Highlands' newest district.

It is close to the established leisure amenities of Tagaytay Highlands, with the Midlands Golf Course Club about one kilometer away and The Country Club approximately six kilometers from the community.

Its setting also opens up expansive views of Taal Lake, Mt. Makiling and Mt. Banahaw, giving the community a strong visual connection to the surrounding landscape.

Set 140 to 238 meters above sea level, it enjoys mild temperatures and cooler mornings and evenings that make the outdoors easy to enjoy throughout the day.

A LANDSCAPE FOR THE FAMILY

With 231 residential lots and about 40% of its land area devoted to open spaces and amenities, Trealva gives families more opportunities to experience the outdoors as part of ordinary life.

Its low-density plan creates greater breathing room between homes, preserving a quieter setting where greenery and open views remain part of the experience.

Much of that experience centers on Nurture Park, which is organized into passive, active and adventure zones.

For younger residents, play lawns, sand pits, play mounds and stepping stumps turn the outdoors into a place for exploration. As children grow older, bike lanes, jogging paths, a native trail and activity lawn offer more active ways to use the landscape.

Adults can use these same spaces at their own pace, whether for an early morning run, a bike ride or a walk after a long day. Quieter spots, including the rain garden and landscaped open spaces, offer room to slow down and savor life.

The Eco-Park extends this connection with nature, providing another green space for walking, recreation or simply spending time outside.

At the clubhouse, outdoor living becomes more social. Adult and kiddie pools allow different generations to enjoy the same space, while the playground, event lawn and multipurpose pavilion provide settings for family gatherings, celebrations and community activities.

NATURE AS PART OF THE BLUEPRINT

Trealva's emphasis on nature is not limited to recreation.

This approach earned Trealva the Best Nature Integrated Development award at the 2025 PropertyGuru Philippines Property Awards.

With turnover of residential lots now underway, families can begin creating homes in a community designed to evolve with them—from childhood play and active family years to quieter moments later in life.

At Trealva, the setting offers every generation its own way to enjoy the outdoors, while giving families more reasons to enjoy it together.

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- *for two (2) adults and two (2) kids*
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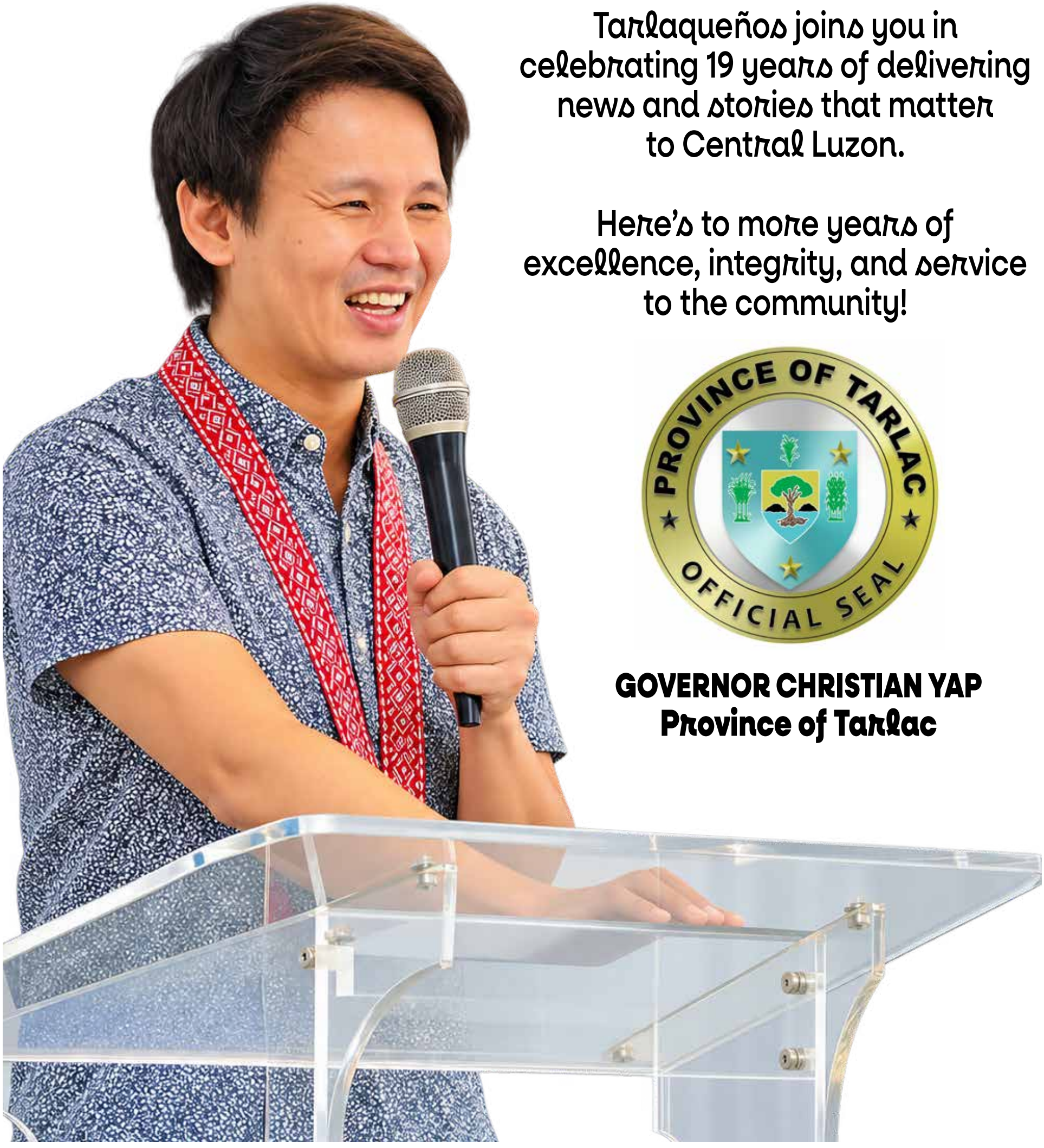

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Edna's Cakeland Opens 12th Branch at SM City Pampanga, Launches Sweet Rewards Promo

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — Edna's Cakeland marked another milestone in its expansion across Central Luzon with the opening of its 12th branch at the Ground Floor of SM City Pampanga on October 24, 2026, bringing its products closer to more customers in the region.

The newest outlet reflects the continuing vision of founders Herminio Gonzales and Edna Gonzales, alongside the leadership of Chief Operating Officer Anna Margarita Gonzales, as the homegrown brand strengthens its presence in Pampanga and Nueva Ecija.

With the opening, Edna's Cakeland now operates six branches in each province. Its Nueva Ecija outlets include the Main Branch in Cabanatuan City, SM City Cabanatuan, SM Megacenter Cabanatuan, WalterMart Cabanatuan, Robinsons Gapan and WalterMart San Jose. In Pampanga, its branches are located at Sto. Rosario in Angeles City, Nepo Mall Angeles, SM City Telabastagan in San Fernando, SM City Clark, WalterMart Mabalacat and SM City Pampanga.

To celebrate its growing presence and encourage customers to enjoy more of their favorite treats, Edna's Cakeland is also inviting customers to join its Sweet Rewards promotion, running from November 1, 2026, to January 17, 2027.

Under the promotion, customers earn one stamp for every ₱500 spent in a single receipt at any Edna's Cakeland branch. Multiple stamps may be earned in one transaction, meaning a purchase worth ₱1,000 earns two stamps. Customers must present their Sweet Rewards Card to the cashier before payment to qualify for stamps.

Once customers collect 18 stamps on their card, they can redeem one exclusive Edna's Cakeland merchandise item of their choice: a book and pen, tumbler or tote bag. To claim the reward, customers must present and surrender their completed card to the cashier at any branch. A new card may then be used to begin collecting stamps again.

The promotion is valid for dine-in, take-out and walk-in purchases. Rewards may be claimed until January 17, 2027, and are subject to availability. Lost, damaged or altered cards will not be replaced, while completed cards must be surrendered upon redemption. The promotion cannot be combined with employee discounts or other loyalty programs, and rewards may be substituted with items of equal value.

With its newest branch and customer rewards initiative, Edna's Cakeland continues to expand its reach across Central Luzon while giving customers another reason to visit, enjoy its offerings and collect exclusive merchandise.

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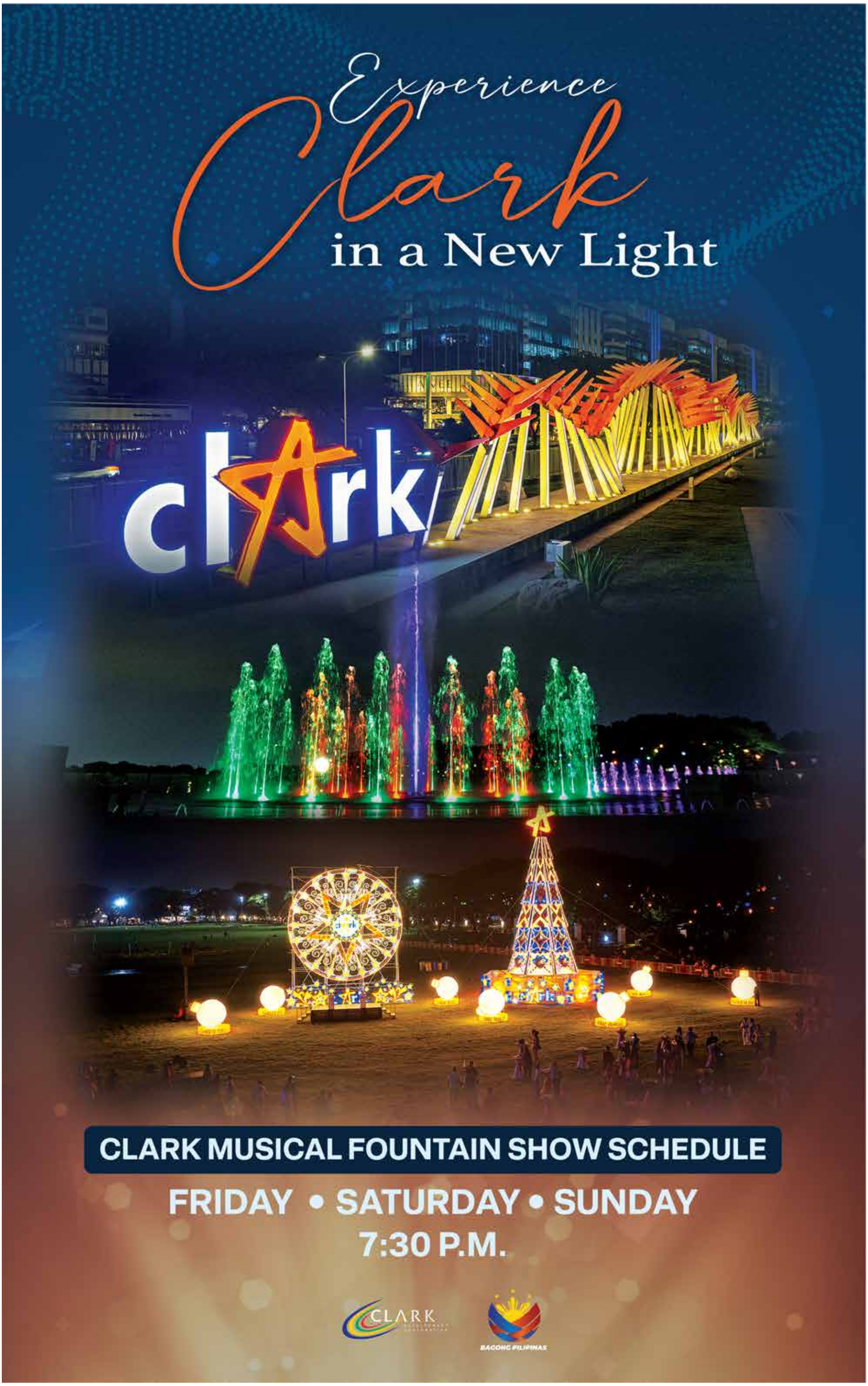
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SMerriest Christmas at the malls

JOYEUX NOEL

Step into a festive Parisian dream as SM City Clark unveils *Noël Ville Lumière:* City of Lights Christmas 2026 — a dazzling holiday spectacle inspired by the timeless romance and elegance of the City of Lights, with a golden Eiffel Tower centerpiece fronting a magnificent 45-foot Christmas tree backdropped by the Hotel de Ville outlined in steel. *C'est magnifique*.

UNBOXING THE MAGIC

Santa and his elves singing and dancing, to all the kids inviting for gifts galore unboxing at SM City San Fernando Downtown.

SWEET SOIRÉE SPARKLING

From dazzling sparkles to delightful macarons, festive colors, sweet moments, and the joy of coming together makes SM City Bataan's Holiday Sweet Soirée truly enchanting.

GIANT GLOW

SM City Olongapo Central brings a giant tree and giant light bulbs for that Giant Glow of a whole lot of Christmas magic of both big moments and great memories for the whole family.

SANTA'S GIFT CORNER

SM City Olongapo Downtown has officially opened its Santa's Gift Corner -- a magical holiday space featuring sparkling gift boxes, dazzling ball pillars, elegant tree pillars, and Santa's cheerful elves, perfect for creating memorable moments with family and loved ones.

DOUBLE THE SPARKLE

It's twice the sparkle, the brilliance, and the dazzle of the magic of Christmas for shoppers and families at Cabanatuan City's two SM malls.

At SM City Cabanatuan, A Symphony of Sparkles transforms the mall into a breathtaking holiday wonderland inspired by the graceful art of ballet against the backdrop of 35-foot Christmas tree, glowing brilliantly amid shimmering trees, radiant golden accents, and elegant ballerina figures.

SM Megacenter Cabanatuan brings a playful touch to the holidays with An Elf-Tastic World of Sparkles amid oversized Christmas ornaments, twinkling holiday lights, and dazzling festive accents, merry little elves busily prepare gifts and spread Christmas cheer.

YULETIDE DREAM, FESTIVE WONDER

Tinsel and all that holiday trimming, Santa and his reindeer, a cuddly capybara too, Christmas carols performed by The Little Stars and The Holi Squad weave magic to the launch of SM City Telabastagan's season centerpiece themed: ***"Super Magical Christmas: Yuletide Dream and Festive Wonder."***

GREEN CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Opening up a glade in an emerald forest, by a giant pine, majestic white stag stands, piped music plays, fairies in tutus dance, tinsel falls, joy and laughter abound. And a green Christmas wonderland lights up at SM City Pampanga on Oct.25. Oh, Santa came a-calling too. ***Punto Lifestyle Team/Contributed photos***

CDC President and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera together with CDC Chairman Edgardo Pamintuan, lead the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree during "Clark Sparkles: A Symphony of Light and Music" on October 23, 2026, at the Clark Parade Grounds, Clark Freeport Zone, illuminating the towering holiday centerpiece as she joins CDC executives, Metro Clark Advisory Council members and representatives, locators, and partners in welcoming the Christmas season.

When Clark Sparkled, Children Saw a World of Possibilities

PROGRESS USUALLY comes dressed in numbers: investments, jobs, revenues, buildings and roads.

On the evening of Oct. 23, however, Clark spoke in a more luminous language.

Thousands of Christmas lights illuminated the Clark Parade Grounds. The 80-member Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra filled the evening air with music. A giant lantern and a 40-foot Christmas tree glowed against the night sky. Then, as A Million Dreams played, water rose and danced to the music from Clark's newly unveiled musical fountain.

For one evening, Clark's transformation became something families could see, hear and feel.

That was the deeper story behind Clark Sparkles: A Symphony of Light and Music, formally opening the Christmas season in the freeport, bringing together music, Christmas decors and families in a setting that reflected another dimension of Clark's development beyond business, aviation, logistics and industry.

For Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Agnes VST Devanadera, this broader vision is part of Clark's continuing transformation: from a community of investors into a community of hearts. The celebration offered a glimpse of what that aspiration can mean when economic development creates not only opportunities for business, but also spaces where people can connect, share experiences and build memories.

From Concert Hall to Community Space

Presented by CDC in partnership with the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the open-air concert brought the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra closer to audiences outside traditional performance venues.

Under the baton of Herminigildo Ranera, PPO performed 15 selections blending Filipino Christmas classics with international holiday favorites. The repertoire included Pasko Na Naman, Kumukutikutitap, The Nutcracker Suite, Sleigh Ride, Carol of the Bells and a Jose Mari Chan Christmas medley.

"Art belongs not only in concert halls, but also in open public spaces where communities come together," said Eugene De Los Santos, orchestra director of the CCP.

For Karen Palattao, a housekeeper assigned to CDC through Omniworx, the performance was a first. "First time ko pong makapanood ng live orchestra. Mas iba pala kapag personal mo siyang naririnig. Nakakatuwang makita na may ganitong event para sa lahat." Her experience illustrated how the open-air concert gave workers and families an opportunity to encounter orchestral music in a shared public setting.

When Water Learned the Music

The evening reached its emotional high point when the orchestra performed A Million Dreams, accompanied by the public debut of Clark's musical fountain.

Jets of water rose as colored lights illuminated the streams, which moved in rhythm with the live orchestral performance. The display drew the attention of families gathered, including children from CDC's Family Care Centers.

For their parents, the children's reactions became a highlight of the evening.

"Seeing our children's faces light up with wonder as they watched the fountain of lights and listened to the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra was truly special," said parent Lai Calixtro. "More than the beautiful lights and music, we will treasure the happiness and memories our children experienced that day. Thank you to CDC and everyone who made this memorable moment possible."

Mary Fernandez, another parent whose child witnessed the fountain's inaugural presentation, shared a similar sentiment.

Their accounts captured the personal significance of the spectacle. The fountain was a new attraction, but for the families watching, it also became an occasion to share a memorable experience.

The concert and fountain brought music, light and visual art into a public space where children and adults could encounter them together. In these shared moments, the idea of a community of hearts took on a human dimension—not as a departure from Clark's economic purpose, but as an expression of how development can also serve the people who live, work and grow around it.

A Light Shared by Communities

The celebration also reflected Pampanga's Christmas traditions through its illuminated displays and giant lantern.

A 40-foot Christmas tree, installed on a seven-foot platform, stood beside a 30-foot-diameter giant lantern, forming part of the display at the Clark Parade Grounds.

Members and representatives of the Metro Clark Advisory Council participated in the celebration, alongside CDC directors, locators, employees and their families. The participating communities represented Angeles City, Mabalacat City, Porac, Bamban and Capas.

The MCAC provides a platform for cooperation among Clark and its neighboring local government units, whose communities share economic and social ties with the freeport through employment, business, tourism and other activities.

Their participation gave the celebration a wider community dimension, bringing together stakeholders from across the Metro Clark area. It also reflected the relationships that extend beyond the freeport's boundaries and connect Clark's growth with the surrounding cities and municipalities.

Hope Beyond the Lights

Devanadera has consistently emphasized the importance of Clark's transformation from a community of investors into a community of hearts. At the Christmas celebration, her message of hope echoed that broader aspiration.

"The lights in Clark, the lights from the Christmas tree, always shine. This will always give us that hope, every year, year in and year out," she said. Her remarks connected the lights' symbolism with the continuing development of the freeport and the opportunities it can create.

CDC chairman Edgardo Pamintuan, meanwhile, highlighted the contribution of investments to government revenues and national programs. "When investments flow in, just like in past years, we generate billions in revenue, with half to 75% remitted directly to the National Government to fund meaningful national projects. That is why we must continue to support developments like this."

The officials' remarks addressed complementary aspects of Clark's role: generating economic activity and contributing to national development while creating opportunities for people and communities to benefit from its growth.

Investments and enterprises support economic activity and employment. Public spaces and cultural events provide additional opportunities for people to gather, participate in community life and share experiences beyond the workplace.

The Human Side of Progress

Progress is measured not only in investments, jobs and infrastructure, but also in the opportunities people experience as a place develops.

Clark Sparkles: A Symphony of Light and Music brought these dimensions together through a live orchestral performance, a new public attraction and a gathering that included families and neighboring communities.

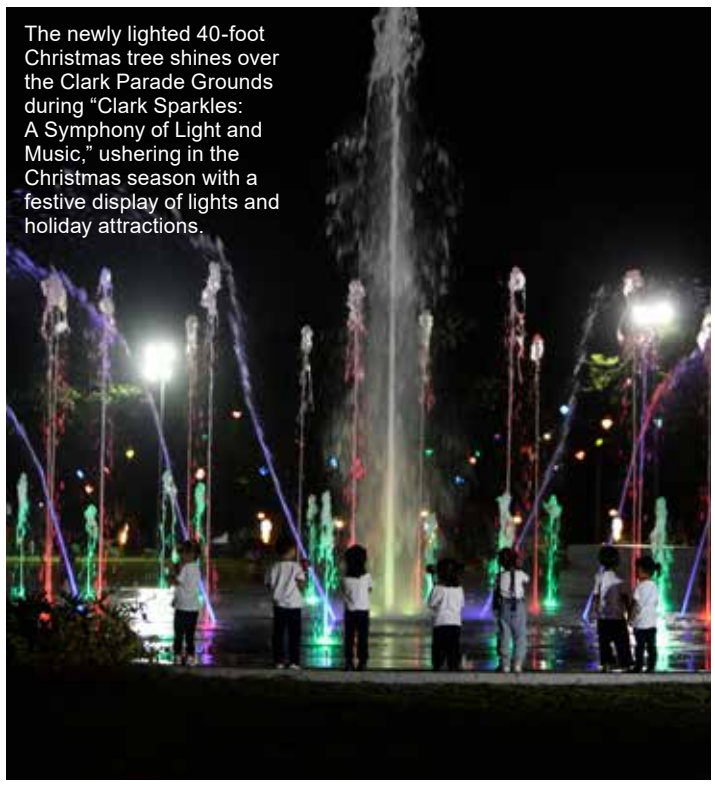
For the children who watched the fountain dance to A Million Dreams, the evening offered more than a display of lights and water. It was an opportunity to discover something new, share the moment with their families and let their imaginations wander.

As the music faded and the Christmas lights continued to shine, the celebration offered a glimpse of Clark's continuing transformation: a place where economic growth can create opportunities, public spaces can bring communities together, and culture can become part of everyday life.

The vision of a community of hearts begins with such moments—not by setting aside the investments and enterprises that drive development, but by recognizing the people and possibilities that give growth its meaning.

And sometimes, those possibilities begin with a child looking up at the lights, listening to the music and discovering that the world is full of dreams waiting to be imagined.

For CDC President and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, the Christmas tree lighting symbolizes hope and the joy of the season. "The lights in Clark, the lights from the Christmas tree, always shine," she said.



The newly lighted 40-foot Christmas tree shines over the Clark Parade Grounds during "Clark Sparkles: A Symphony of Light and Music," ushering in the Christmas season with a festive display of lights and holiday attractions.

Bataan provincial government signs ₱4.15B budget for 2027

By Ernie Esconde

BALANGA CITY, BATAAN — The Bataan Provincial Government has signed its ₱4.150-billion budget for 2027, with funding priorities focused on healthcare, public safety, and education.

The budget was signed on October 23 at The Bunker, the provincial government's headquarters, according to an announcement from the provincial leadership.

The provincial government said the funds would be managed responsibly and directed toward public services that directly benefit residents, particularly through the expansion of healthcare services in district hospitals, the use of modern technology to strengthen peace and order, and efforts to improve the quality of education.

The provincial leadership also expressed its appreciation to Vice Governor Cris Garcia, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and provincial government employees for their contributions to advancing programs and projects aimed at improving the lives of Bataeño families.

The 2027 budget is expected to support the provincial government's continuing efforts to strengthen public services and promote better living conditions for communities across Bataan.

Handa Pilipinas 2026 opens Luzon leg at SMX-Clark

CLARK FREEPORT – The Luzon leg of Handa Pilipinas 2026, a nationwide disaster resilience and science-and-technology exposition themed "Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Ligtas at Matatag na Bayan," opened at the SMX Convention Center here on Oct. 26.

Hosted by the Department of Science and Technology, the three-day event gathered government agencies, local government units, disaster risk reduction and management practitioners, academic institutions, and private sector partners to strengthen disaster preparedness through science, technology, and innovation.

DOST Central Luzon director Dr. Julius Caesar V. Sicat, who also serves as the Handa Pilipinas project leader, clarified that the initiative's success should not be measured by the number of technologies displayed, but by how these solutions are adopted and integrated into local governance, community preparedness, and decision-making.

In his message, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. noted that early warning systems must go beyond issuing alerts and ensure that people receive and understand information in time to act.

"An alert is only useful if people see it. A warning is only meaningful if people understand it," Solidum said, stressing that timely and accessible information is essential in protecting lives and livelihoods from typhoons, floods, landslides, and other hazards," he said.

Key features presented in the event included HANDA Platform, an integrated digital platform for disaster preparedness, early warning, and response developed by DOST and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology; geospatial and hazard-mapping tools like GeoRiskPH and HazardHunterPH to help communities assess natural hazards.

Exhibitions and bazaars, including interactive displays of disaster mitigation technologies, science-based solutions, and collaborative enterprise panels were also showcased at the event.

Among local government leaders gracing the opening were Tarlac Gov. Christian Tell Yap and Mabalacat City Mayor Atty. Geld Aquino. ***Photos: DOST, PIA-3***

CDC upgrades Clark jobs portal for recruitment, workforce reporting

CLARK FREEPORT — Clark Development Corporation (CDC) has upgraded its TRABAHO jobs portal, bringing recruitment functions and required manpower reporting together on a single online platform for locator companies in the Clark Freeport Zone.

Clark had about 151,000 workers as of August 2026. Representatives of 176 locator companies attended a virtual town hall on Oct. 22 to learn about the upgraded portal and its recruitment, reporting and data management features.

CDC President and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera said system improvements and automation must serve the corporation's operational objectives.

TRABAHO, or Transforming Recruitment and Building Accessible Hiring Opportunities, allows employers to post vacancies, search for applicants based on skills and educational background, monitor applications and invite candidates for interviews. Job seekers can access employment opportunities and receive job-match and interview notifications.

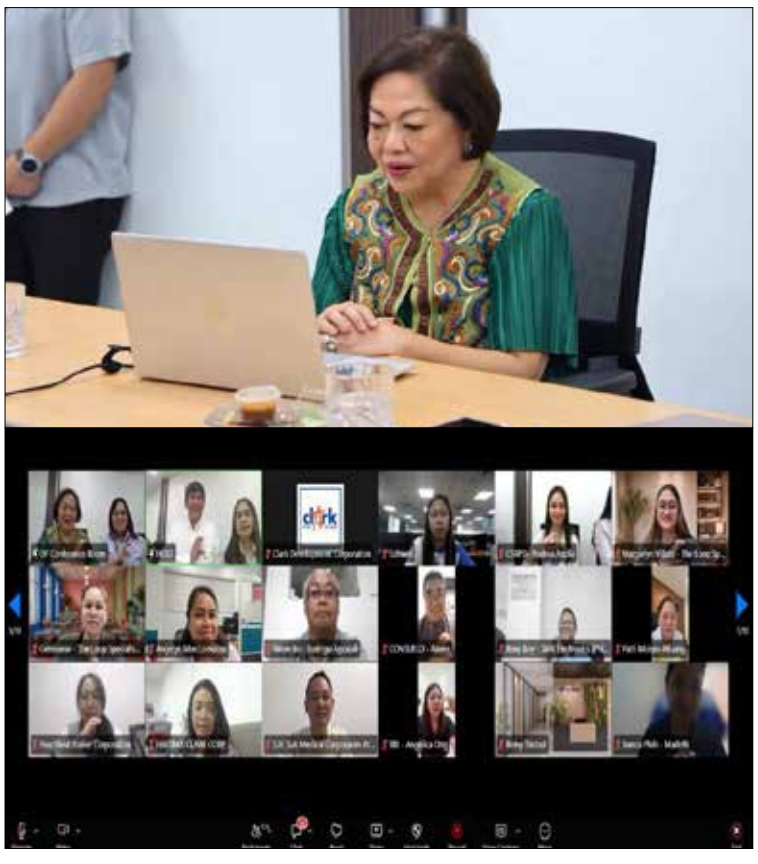
The upgraded portal features an employer dashboard with analytics and submission history, expanded workforce reporting functions, and a mobile-responsive design. A separate portal allows Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs) and schools to upload applicant profiles in bulk. The system also offers multi-factor authentication, while integration with CDC's eBAR locator database is planned.

Employers can manage applications and generate required manpower reports through a single account. CDC can use workforce information gathered through the system to inform planning and policy decisions, including analysis of manpower levels, employment placements, employee attrition and employment trends.

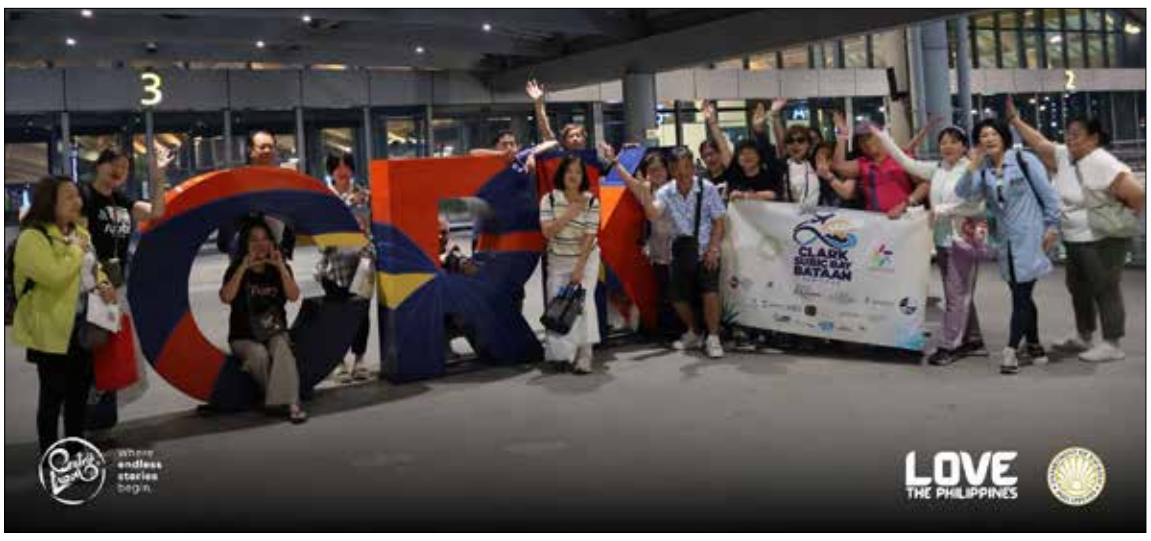
Standardized reports and customizable dashboards support the monitoring of workforce information and placement outcomes.

TRABAHO is available free of charge to employers and job seekers.

Locator companies seeking assistance with employer account creation may contact CSRPD at [jobsportal@clark.com.ph].



Taiwan travel agents join Clark-Subic-Bataan fam tour



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – A group of Taiwan-based tour operators and travel agents took in the sights, sounds, and tastes of key spots in Central Luzon in a familiarization tour organized by the Department of Tourism – Region 3 with the Philippine Department of Tourism Office in Taiwan, and the Clark Development Corp., Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, and Bataan Tourism.

Led by Le Charmé Suites, Best Western Plus Metro Clark, and La Jolla Hotel and Beach Resort, the Oct. 16-19 tour visited interconnected attractions across Clark, Subic Bay, and Bataan, aiming to highlight Clark International Airport as a convenient gateway from Taiwan.

Tour highlights included world-class golf courses, wildlife parks, interactive museums, scenic cruises, comfortable accommodations, historical landmarks, and local product processing facilities.

The familiarization tour is intended to provide participating travel agents with firsthand experience of the destinations and tourism products that may be incorporated into their future tour packages for the Taiwan market.

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Tarlac avian sanctuary records over 3,900 birds on World Migratory Bird Day

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Canarem Lake Bird Sanctuary in Victoria, Tarlac has reaffirmed its ecological importance as a habitat for migratory and resident bird species with 3,900 birds recorded during a bird-watching led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in partnership with the Provincial Government of Tarlac and the Victoria local government.

A total of 48 species were recorded, including 22 migratory, 21 native, and five endemic with 3,907 individual birds counted, with the wandering whistling-duck (Dendrocygna arcuata) accounting for the highest number at 2,693.

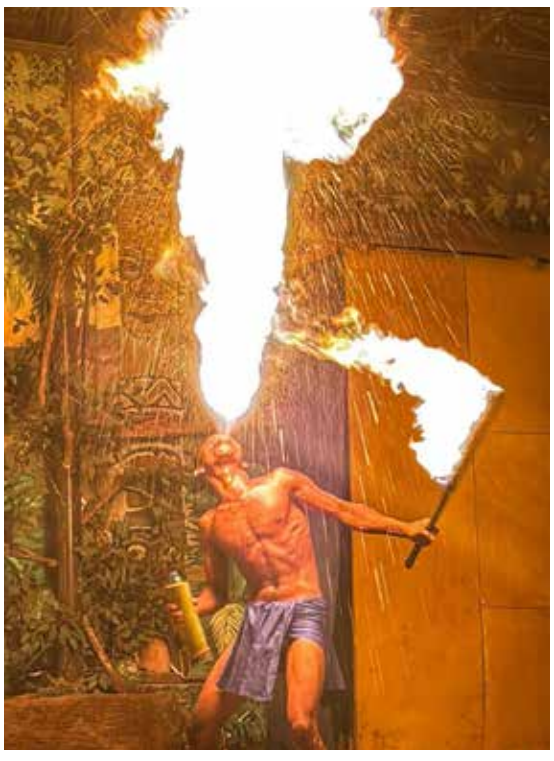
The Philippine duck (Anas luzonica), a vulnerable species protected under DENR Administrative Order No. 2019-09, was also observed, with 269 individuals recorded.

Complementing the bird-watching activity, 50 fruit-bearing seedlings were planted within the lake area, which in maturity will provide food resources for birds and other wildlife while enhancing the lake's ecological value.

"Recording bird species and their populations supports effective management initiatives for Canarem Lake. Activities such as bird watching and tree planting raise public awareness and encourage stakeholders to take an active role in protecting biodiversity," said DENR Region 3 executive director Ralph Pablo, underscoring the need to conserve Canarem Lake as a vital feeding, resting, and sheltering area for wildlife.

World Migratory Bird Day is observed globally to recognize the remarkable journeys of migratory birds and the environmental challenges they face. This year's theme, "Every Bird Counts," emphasized the importance of monitoring bird populations and conserving wetland ecosystems. ***Punto News Team/DENR-3***

Zoobic Night Safari adds new draw to Subic's tourism economy



By Dante Salvaña

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — Zoobic Safari is adding a new nighttime attraction to Subic's tourism lineup, offering visitors another reason to extend their leisure activities in the Freeport as the holiday travel season approaches.

The Zoobic Night Safari, launched on Oct. 24, combines after-dark wildlife encounters, cultural performances and live entertainment, with an opening-night benefit event highlighting the importance of inclusive tourism and support for the blind community.

Available every Saturday until Jan. 2, 2027, the seasonal attraction features safari tours after dark, performances by Aeta cultural performers, an animal parade, LED dancers and fire dancers.

The new offering broadens Zoobic Safari's visitor experience beyond daytime activities and adds to Subic's portfolio of family-oriented leisure attractions during the peak holiday period.

A key feature of the launch was "Dinner in the Dark," an immersive dining experience designed to help participants better understand the experiences of people who are blind by encouraging them to rely on their other senses. The event also underscored the park's commitment to community engagement and inclusive tourism.

By combining wildlife experiences with cultural entertainment and social advocacy, Zoobic Night Safari seeks to deliver a distinct visitor experience while reinforcing Subic's appeal as a leisure destination.

Visitors can experience the seasonal attraction every Saturday through Jan. 2, 2027.

Fuse CEO Tony Isidro highlights how fintech is helping small businesses unlock better financing at the ASEAN MSME Summit

Tony Isidro highlights how Fuse is unlocking capital for MSMEs, driving business growth through accessible and flexible credit.

At the ASEAN MSME Summit 2026, Isidro emphasized Fuse's ongoing commitment to expanding credit access for millions of MSMEs.

FINTECH is using technology to make financing more accessible to small businesses, giving entrepreneurs greater opportunities to fund day-to-day operations and business expansion. By improving access to capital, fintech can help drive the growth of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which remain a vital part of the Philippine economy.

Fuse Financing, Inc. President and CEO Tony Isidro shared this view while speaking at the ASEAN MSME Summit 2026, highlighting the potential of micro and small businesses, including sari-sari store owners and other small merchants, to grow with the right financial support.

"Just because a business, particularly a micro-entrepreneur, is invisible in a formal business, it doesn't mean that they're not credible," Isidro said.

Micro and small enterprises have long struggled to access traditional credit, held back by strict collateral demands and unestablished credit histories. Today, innovative digital financial

solutions are bridging this gap, democratizing access to fair and credible loans and operational tools that enable small businesses to scale sustainably.

For Fuse Financing, helping more small businesses access financing means recognizing the potential of entrepreneurs who may have limited experience with traditional lenders. With access to legitimate financial support, these businesses can purchase equipment, replenish inventory, improve operations, manage working capital, and expand their businesses.

Digital platforms help make this access more practical by allowing MSMEs to manage financial activities within an ecosystem they already use for their businesses. Through GCash, merchants can accept customer payments, pay suppliers and other merchants, and access other financial and business services.

These activities can also provide additional information that may support credit assessment and underwriting. Digital transaction data can give lenders a more current view of a merchant's business activity, complementing the information available through traditional financial records. Loan eligibility, however, remains subject to credit evaluation.

Southeast Asian civil society groups rally against nuclear expansion in Morong

By Ernie Esconde

MORONG, BATAAN — Civil society organizations from Southeast Asia gathered outside the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP) on October 27 to raise concerns over renewed nuclear energy programs in the region and support Morong's opposition to hosting nuclear facilities.

The activity marked the first day of the three-day ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People's Forum (ACSC/APF) 2026 People's Solidarity Caravan, running until October 29 under the theme "Resist Business-as-Usual: Disrupt, Reclaim, Rebuild!"

Participants later met with the Nuclear Free Bataan Movement (NFBM) and local council representatives to discuss the role of communities in decisions involving nuclear energy projects.

NFBM Chairperson Dante Ilaya said developments in the Philippines could shape how communities across Southeast Asia respond to nuclear proposals, citing concerns about earthquake hazards, accelerated policymaking and insufficient public participation.

The groups also questioned the government's plans to revive the long-mothballed BNPP or build new nuclear facilities at Napot Point. They warned that these projects could pose safety concerns and expose taxpayers and future generations to substantial debt and potentially higher electricity costs.

Morong's campaign against nuclear facilities gained a significant milestone on June 22, 2026, when its municipal council approved a Non-Nuclear Zone Ordinance prohibiting nuclear facilities within the town. Advocates, however, expressed concern that national government policies could override the local ordinance.

Julito Velasco, a Morong resident and NFBM vice chairperson, said the measure demonstrates the importance of allowing residents to participate meaningfully in decisions affecting their safety and future.

NFBM and KILUSAN urged ASEAN governments to halt the fast-tracking of nuclear projects and establish binding regional standards that guarantee host communities' free, prior and informed consent, require independent environmental impact assessments, and promote transparent and democratic decision-making.

Wellness takes centerstage at OLMCMC pediatrics' annual gathering

By Ning Cordero

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Celebrating the importance of health, connection, and holistic wellbeing, the Department of Pediatrics of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center (OLMCMC) hosts its annual get-together on Oct. 20 at St. Gerald Hall, gathering medical professionals for a meaningful fellowship, learning, and wellness inspiration.

Adding depth to the occasion is a health and wellness forum entitled Lifestyle Medicine in the Modern Workplace featuring Dr. Rowena Batac Medina, RN, MD, MMHA, an obstetrician-gynecologist and lifestyle medicine advocate, as guest speaker. With her expertise in women's health and commitment to lifestyle medicine, Dr. Medina shared valuable insights on the importance of embracing healthier choices, preventive care, and sustainable habits that support overall well-being.

According to OLMCMC chief executive officer Dr. Monet Briones, beyond the exchange of professional knowledge, the gathering highlights the value of nurturing relationships within the medical community. It offers an opportunity for colleagues to reconnect, exchange perspectives, and reinforce their shared commitment to delivering quality patient care.

In a profession dedicated to caring for others, taking time to focus on personal wellness and professional camaraderie serves as a timely reminder that a healthier community begins with individuals who understand the value of well-being.

"Through this annual gathering, OLMCMC's Department of Pediatrics brings together the spirit of fellowship and the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle—celebrating not only the science of medicine but also the human connections that make compassionate care possible," OLMCMC head of pediatrics, Dr. Beverly Alfonso said in her message.

A healthier workplace begins with everyday choices—and according to Dr. Medina, organizations have an important role to play in making those choices easier, more accessible, and sustainable. Her message underscores a simple yet powerful principle: healthy workplaces make healthy choices easier.

Rather than treating wellness as an occasional activity, organizations can make it part of their everyday culture through practical initiatives that encourage movement, mindful eating, preventive care, and work-life balance.

Among the suggested practices are walking meetings that turn routine discussions into opportunities for physical activity, as well as hourly stretching and movement breaks that help employees counter prolonged sitting. Offering healthier food choices during meetings and setting up accessible hydration stations can likewise encourage better daily habits. Workplaces can further strengthen their wellness programs by organizing preventive health screening days, fitness activities, and step challenges that motivate employees to become more active and mindful of their health.

For Dr. Medina, bringing lifestyle medicine into professional settings means looking beyond productivity and recognizing the people behind the work. When employees are supported in caring for their physical, mental, and emotional health, wellness becomes a shared responsibility rather than an individual burden.

Because a truly healthy workplace is one that makes well-being a priority, empowers people to thrive, and recognizes that caring for employees is an investment in a healthier future.

P4.33-M emergency cash transfer extended to tourism workers

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A total of 802 tourism workers from Pampanga and Tarlac received P5,400 each under the national government's Emergency Cash Transfer program as assistance for the effects of the widespread flooding brought about by successive typhoons and intensified southwest monsoon rains in previous months.

Of the total beneficiaries, 795 were from Pampanga, while seven were from Tarlac. The distribution, held on Oct. 27 at the Kingsborough International Convention Cente here, provided a combined P4.33 million in financial assistance to tourism workers whose livelihoods were disrupted by the recent calamities.

The distribution was jointly facilitated by the Department of Tourism and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the Alliance of Concerned Tourism Operators of Pampanga, provincial social welfare and development office and the provincial disaster risk reduction and management office.

The initiative was also supported by Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda, reflecting the provincial government's continuing commitment to providing assistance to disaster-affected workers and supporting the recovery of the local tourism industry.

DOT Region III director Richard Deanos expressed gratitude for the assistance extended to affected tourism workers, expressing hope that the financial support would help alleviate their immediate needs as they work toward recovery. "This assistance is intended for our tourism workers, and we hope that even this modest amount will help ease their financial burden."

Meanwhile, the DOT is intensifying its information dissemination efforts to promote water conservation and disaster preparedness amid concerns over a potentially strong El Niño event that could persist through the first half of 2027. The agency emphasized the importance of proactive preparedness measures and responsible water management to strengthen the resilience of tourism stakeholders and local communities against extreme weather conditions.

The ECT program, implemented by the DSWD, forms part of the national government's continuing efforts to provide immediate financial relief to individuals and workers affected by natural disasters.

Pampanga PIO

219 Kapampangans get free hearing aids from Capitol, Starkey Foundation

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A joint initiative of the Provincial Government of Pampanga and the Starkey Hearing Foundation provided free specialized hearing aids to 219 Pampanga residents in a fitting ceremony held Oct. 26 at the Benigno Hall, Capitol Compound here.

Among the beneficiaries were four members of a family from Floridablanca whose hearing difficulties have reportedly affected multiple generations.

Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda personally attended the distribution activity, together with Lubao Mayor Esmie Pineda and members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, to check on the beneficiaries and oversee the delivery of hearing assistance.

The vice governor emphasized that the initiative seeks to identify and assist children experiencing hearing difficulties, as well as working residents whose hearing impairments may affect their ability to earn a living and provide for their families.

"Ing Starkey Hearing Foundation pu, tuluy-tuloy pu ing commitment pu ning provincial government karela. Deng mangailangang hearing aid pilitan mila pung a rinan," he said.

Before receiving their hearing devices, the 219 beneficiaries underwent comprehensive hearing examinations, ear molding, device programming, and individual adjustments to ensure that the hearing aids were properly fitted and configured according to their needs.

Each specialized hearing aid is valued at approximately ₱80,000 to ₱100,000. It features advanced technology, including artificial intelligence connectivity and smartphone-based adjustment capabilities, allowing users to customize certain hearing aid settings for improved convenience and functionality.

Through its partnership with the Starkey Hearing Foundation, the provincial government aims to help individuals with hearing impairments improve their communication, participate more fully in daily activities, and enjoy a better quality of life.

"Special la pu reng hearing aid a ren, e rala pu kalupa reng donation da kekatamu. Mas high-tech pu yan. Ekami meghinayang Nanay a salwan la ren kasi pakinabangnan do pu reng Kapampangan," Pineda added.

To date, a total of 404 patients have received specialized hearing aids through the program since its launch last year. Residents who require hearing assistance or wish to inquire about future distributions are encouraged to coordinate with the provincial health office for further information regarding the program and its requirements. Pampanga

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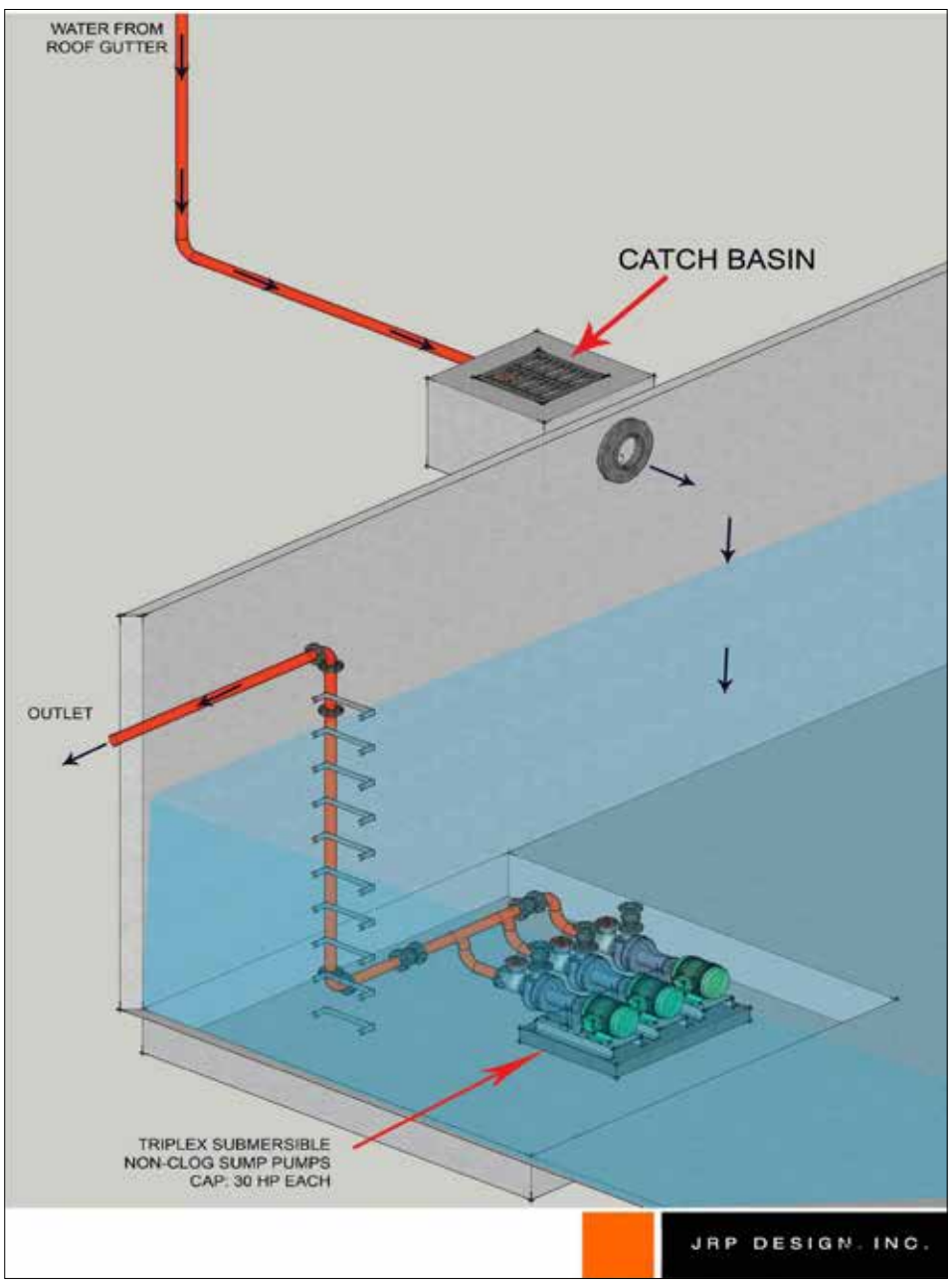
SM Supermalls' commitment to water stewardship and disaster resilience amid El Niño



MANILA — With the El Niño phenomenon posing risks of prolonged dry spells and water shortages, water remains a critical resource that must be safeguarded for essential community services and future generations. SM Supermalls continues to strengthen its commitment to water stewardship by innovating its resource transformation, conservation, and reuse across its properties. Beyond reducing water consumption, the mall operator integrates resilience into its sustainability framework, supporting efforts to mitigate flooding, manage climate-related risks, and help communities prepare for natural calamities."Resource conservation and risk-mitigation have always been at the heart of SMSupermalls. Since the 1990s, we have broadened our efforts to support national resource management by reducing our reliance on local water sources while helping address water scarcity as well as flooding," said Engr. Liza B. Silerio, SM Supermalls Vice President for Corporate Compliance.

Innovative resource transformation and resilience

Among the communities that SM Supermalls has supported is Baguio City. Through the Rainwater Treatment Facility (RTF) in SM City Baguio, rainwater is transformed into resource through a treatment process using ozone technology expert PureO3. This includes disinfection, filtration, and reverse osmosis. The facility can provide approximately 51,000 cubic meters of water annually, equivalent to about one-third of the mall's annual water consumption.

SM Supermalls will expand its rainwater treatment initiatives in Central Luzon to help communities build resilience against climate-related risks.

Across its properties, SM Supermalls currently has 32 rainwater catchment facilities that collect and treat rainwater for reuse for tenant operations. Collectively, the facilities can hold 87,000 cubic meters of floodwater, equivalent to 35 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Strategically located in flood-prone areas, these facilities help manage stormwater while supporting water conservation.

Smart water monitoring technologies can further strengthen these efforts by tracking consumption, identifying unusual water flows, and helping maintenance teams detect leaks early. By combining efficient fixtures with data-driven monitoring, malls can better manage water demand while maintaining hygiene, functionality, and a comfortable customer experience.

Building a Circular And Climate-Resilient Water System SM Supermalls' integrated approach to Water management supports a circular system in which resources are conserved, captured, treated, and reused wherever appropriate. During the rainy season, rainwater catchment facilities help build water reserves and manage excess runoffs. During periods of drought, the treated and stored water can help support mall operations and reduce reliance on other water sources, subject to actual supply, treatment capacity, and intended use At the same time, the capacity to capture stormwater contributes to flood mitigation in vulnerable locations. By linking water conservation with stormwater management, reuse, and more efficient consumption, SM Supermalls continues to explore ways to strengthen its operational resilience while contributing to broader community sustainability efforts. "Our initiatives and innovations are guided by the simple principle that every drop of water counts. We will continue our pledge to help build efficient and circular systems that benefit communities and the entire nation," Silerio said.

The Department of Trade and Industry and Tarlac State University (TSU) showcase the equipment and facilities of the food research and testing laboratory at TSU, which aims to support local entrepreneurs in product testing, quality assurance, and innovation. **(DTI Tarlac)**

DTI, Tarlac State U boost food safety through upgraded testing laboratory

TARLAC CITY (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Tarlac State University (TSU) have launched an upgraded food research and testing laboratory to provide micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Tarlac and neighboring areas with affordable food testing services.

Funded through DTI's Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, the facility will offer microbiological and physicochemical testing to help MSMEs in the food industry assess their products' quality and safety and comply with the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

DTI Regional Director Edna Dizon emphasized the importance of making technical services more accessible to small business owners.

"Our MSMEs need easy access to services. The SSF Program brings resources closer to them, providing the expertise, information, and partnerships they need to succeed," she said.

Meanwhile, Governor Christian Yap recognized the initiative as a contributing factor to the province's recent recognition as the country's most business-friendly province.

"MSMEs are among the biggest contributors to our economy. We want them to grow, turn their products into household names, reach wider markets, and eventually become large industries that generate more employment in our province," he added.

To sustain the partnership, DTI, TSU, FDA, and the Provincial Government of Tarlac committed to strengthening research and testing services, supporting enterprise development, and promoting innovation in the province.

With the facility housed at the TSU Center for Food Technology and Research, University President Jasper Jay Mendoza assured that the university would maintain the facility and ensure its accessibility to business owners.

"We will keep this laboratory active and useful. We will uphold the accuracy and reliability of our testing services because entrepreneurs depend on our results, and consumers depend on them. We will protect that chain of trust," he said.

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botim money and GCash Expand UAE–Philippines Remittance Access

The partnership enables direct wallet transfers for Filipino communities in the UAE, connecting botim's reach with the millions of registered GCash users across one of botim money's largest remittance corridors.

botim money, the UAE's leading fintech platform, has partnered with GCash, the Philippines' leading digital finance platform. The partnership expands digital remittance access for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) across the UAE–Philippines corridor, one of botim money's largest remittance markets.

The partnership comes at a time of growing financial connectivity between the UAE and the Philippines, including ongoing efforts to strengthen payment infrastructure and cross-border financial collaboration between both markets. Against this backdrop, botim money's integration with GCash expands direct wallet-to-wallet remittance access for Filipino communities in the UAE.

The UAE-Philippines corridor remains one of botim money's largest remittance markets, driven by regular financial support from Filipino communities in the UAE to families back home. Through its partnership with GCash, botim money connects this demand directly to one of the Philippines' most widely used digital financial ecosystems.

Through this integration, botim money users in the UAE can transfer funds directly into GCash wallets, allowing recipients in the Philippines to use funds for bills, daily essentials, savings, investments and other digital financial services. By connecting botim money's regulated remittance capabilities with GCash's embedded ecosystem, this partnership strengthens everyday utility across a high-volume route where trust, consistency and convenience are critical.

Hesham Sherif, Head of Remittance Business at botim money, said: "The UAE–Philippines corridor reflects how communities stay financially connected across borders. For many OFWs in the UAE, remittance is how families stay supported, connected, and financially resilient. Through our partnership with GCash, we are connecting botim money users in the UAE to a trusted financial ecosystem, already embedded in everyday life in the Philippines, strengthening one of our most important corridors' remittance experiences."

The UAE is home to nearly 700,000 Filipinos, making it one of the world's largest overseas Filipino communities and reinforcing the economic significance of this corridor. The partnership demonstrates how regulated financial infrastructure can strengthen real-world financial participation in markets where cross-border support is both frequent and essential.

botim money and GCash strengthen UAE & Philippines remittance corridor by providing a fast, secure, and convenient way for OFWs to transfer funds back home

Jonathan Que, General Manager of GCash International, added: "Through our partnership with botim money, we are expanding how the Filipino community in the UAE can support families back home through a platform already integrated into everyday financial life. By enabling direct wallet access, we are making remittances more seamless, more relevant and more connected to the broader financial needs of the Filipino households."

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to strengthen digital financial access across the markets users rely on most. As botim money continues to scale priority corridors including the Philippines, India, Pakistan and Egypt, its collaboration with GCash connects users to a trusted financial ecosystem in the Philippines, making cross-border transactions more accessible.

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From Seven Seats to Something Bigger

How a homegrown ramen shop in Pampanga grew beyond its humble beginnings—and brought its people along the way.

The first Makimura Ramen Bar had just seven seats. Tucked into a small parking-lot space in Balibago, Pampanga, it was a modest beginning for husband-and-wife founders Vickee Navallo Dela Cruz-Ong and Mark Anthony L. Ong. When they opened on August 26, 2018, they shared a simple promise: quality, comforting Japanese food should be within reach of every Juan.

Eight years later, Makimura has grown into a homegrown restaurant brand with 11 operating branches and approximately 390 employees. But its story is not best told through store counts. It lives in the loyal guests who return, the colleagues who become family, and the people who find room to build brighter futures.

NEW CITIES FOR MAKIMURA

Amidst the pandemic, the team launched its Ramen Kit so customers could enjoy their Makimura favorites at home. That same year brought another remarkable milestone: SM Baguio, its first branch outside Pampanga, followed by the San Agustin Branch in Pampanga.

New doors opened at SM Pampanga, SM Telabastagan, and Robinsons Luisita in Tarlac in 2021; at SM Clark in 2022; and at SM North EDSA in 2024. In 2023, Makimura also launched its Sushi Bar, a mobile sushi booth setup, bringing Japanese favorites to celebrations and private events. Expansion continued with San Rafael, Luisita, Tarlac; Infinity Shoppes in Pampanga; and Harbor Point Subic Inline in 2025, followed by Greenfields, Pampanga in 2026. Overall, the brand stands proud with 11 branches, with more doors opening in the following years.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE BOWLS

Some of Makimura's most meaningful milestones cannot be measured in branches. Cath Sav started as dining staff and grew into a Dining Team Leader. "I grew as a person—marunong humandle ng tao, mas may emotional stability, at natutunan ko kung ano yung mga bagay na dapat pina-prioritize," she shares. Jerico Indefenso balanced kitchen work with his college studies, graduated, and later became a Warehouse Assistant. "Natutunan ko po kung ano talaga ibig sabihin ng pagiging hardworking—na kahit na mahirap, kakayanin para sa pangarap." Their journeys show what becomes possible when hard work is met with trust and opportunity.

"If you take care of your people, your people will take care of your business." — Vickee Navallo Dela Cruz-Ong, Chief Operating Officer

At Makimura, malasakit is more than a value printed on a wall. It means caring for colleagues, guests, communities, and the work itself. Both branch and main office employees take part in regular training—from kitchen standards and customer service to leadership development and personal-growth programs. The goal is not simply to help employees perform better today, but to prepare them for the possibilities of tomorrow.

BUILDING BEYOND THE FOUR WALLS

Some of the company's most cherished moments happen far from the dining room. Every year, employees look forward to incentive trips abroad—among them Bali, Hong Kong, and Macau. More than rewards, these trips are shared adventures: time to laugh together, discover new places, and build friendships beyond job titles and busy shifts. Annual kick-off parties and team gatherings carry the same spirit. Makimura knows that a strong team is built not only through training and targets, but through moments when people feel seen, celebrated, and connected.

Moreover, through Makimura Cares, the company extends its spirit of *malasakit* beyond the walls of its restaurants and into the communities it serves. Through outreach activities and feeding initiatives such as *Makimura Hot Meals on Wheels*, Makimura finds meaningful ways to give back and share kindness with those in need. For the company, success is not measured solely by how much it grows, but also by how many lives it can touch along the way.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Makimura is bringing that same spirit to new communities. Alongside its current locations in Pampanga, Tarlac, Baguio, and Subic, its plans include Sta. Maria, Bulacan in 2026 and Fairview, Quezon City in the first quarter of 2027. The company is also exploring another Baguio branch and opportunities in Cavite, southern and central Metro Manila, Laguna, and Pangasinan. Its vision is ambitious—to be the number one Japanese restaurant of choice—but its heart remains rooted in the first seven seats.

What began in a small parking lot has become something bigger than a restaurant: shared meals, hard-earned milestones, fresh beginnings, and people taking care of people. As Makimura grows, it is inviting more people to grow with it. Makimura is looking for people who want to be part of this continuous growth. Interested applicants may visit the Makimura Careers Facebook page or scan the QR code to explore job opportunities. Eight years on, the heart of Makimura remains where it has always been—with its people.

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MINUTES OF THE 63rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028 HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, XEVERA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT:	Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr.	- Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
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	Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee	- Member
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	Hon. Patricia Anne Acorda	- Member
	Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda	- Member
	Hon. Paul Andre P. Tiongco	- Member
	Hon. Rey T. Pineda	- Member

ABSENT: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 07
Series of 2026

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 03-2026 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY MILLION PESOS (₱1,980,000,000.00) FOR THE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES (PPA) OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MABALACAT, PAMPANGA

Be it ordained in Regular Session assembled:

Section 1. The Supplemental Budget No. 03-2026 involving an amount of One Billion Nine Hundred Eighty Million Pesos (₱1,980,000,000.00) for the Programs, Projects and Activities (PPA) of the City Government of Mabalacat, Pampanga is hereby approved.

The budget documents consisting of the following are incorporated herein and made integral part this Ordinance:

1. LBPF No. 8 (Statement of Funding Sources)
2. LBPF No. 9 (Statement of Supplemental Appropriation)

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Section 2. Sources of Funds. The sources of funds for the Supplemental Budget in total amount of One Billion Nine Hundred Eighty Million Pesos (₱1,980,000,000.00) shall be as follows:

Particular	Account Classification	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.0 New Revenue Sources Tax Revenue Loan Proceeds (Borrowings) Bank Loan		1,980,000,000.00
2.0 Actual Collection in Excess of the Estimated Income		
3.0 Savings/ Surplus Savings from Bidded Projects		
4.0 Realignment		
5.0 Reversion:		
Total Estimated Income		**1,980,000,000.00**

Section 3. Use of Funds. The amount of One Billion Nine Hundred Eighty Million Pesos (₱1,980,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the Supplemental Budget of the Local Government of Mabalacat City as follows:

Proposed New Appropriation Language

STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
(Supplemental Budget No. 03-2026)

Implementing Office (1)	Particulars/Purpose (2)	Object of Expenditure (3)	Account Code (4)	Amount (5)
Available Resources for Appropriation from LBP Form No. 8				**1,980,000,000.00**
PROPOSED APPROPRIATION:				
	PROGRAM, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES			
Mayor's Office	Design and Construct of Mabalacat City Government Center			1,200,000,000.00
	Acquisition of Office Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures for the Mabalacat City Government Center			100,000,000.00

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	Acquisition of lot/s approximately 1.7 hectare property in Brgy. Mabiga, Mabalacat City, Pampanga as the site location for the construction of the Multipurpose Complex including the associated expenses related thereto such as but not limited to CGT, DST, Transfer Tax, Survey Fee, Assessment Fees.			680,000,000.00
		TOTAL PPAs		**1,980,000,000.00**
TOTAL APPROPRIATION				**1,980,000,000.00**
UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE/ENDING BALANCE				-

Section 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effectivity. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting on conspicuous places within the city.

ENACTED: This 15th of September 2026 on motion of Hon. Benjamin D. Jocson, duly seconded by Hons. Sambo and Noel Castro.

APPROVED:

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City Councilor

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SK Federation President

Attested by:

HON. MARCOS T. CASTRO JR.
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO
City Mayor
Date: OCT. 5, 2026

Attested by:

AILEEN G. PEÑA
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P700-M insulated panel...

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Sited on a 2.6-hectare lot, the facility measuring 200 meters long and 24 meters wide has an annual production capacity of up to 1 million square meters of insulated panel.

Phinma Corp. chairman and CEO Ramon del Rosario Jr., UIPC president and CEO Danielle del Rosario, Porac Vice Mayor Jen Capil, and other company officers led the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the manufacturing facility eyed to expand local production of insulated panels and reduce reliance on imports.

"At Union Insulated Panels, we provide innovative construction solutions that contribute to food security, climate resilience, energy efficiency, and the development of quality and sustainable infrastructure across the country," Ms. Del Rosario said.

The company manufactures insulated panels for roofing, walling, and cladding, which are designed to speed up construction and improve building energy efficiency.

Its products are intended for cold-storage facilities, agricultural infrastructure, warehouses, industrial and commercial buildings, and other essential facilities. UIPC also cited its involvement in building classrooms and Learning Continuity Spaces as part of its efforts to improve learning environments for Filipino students.

In attendance at the plant inauguration were Phinma Corp. independent director Dr. Cielito Habito, director Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr., and director Maria Teresa Zeller; UIPC chairman Victor del Rosario and independent director Manny Tordesillas.

Also present were Phinma Hospitality Inc. chairman and CEO Jose Mari del Rosario, Phinma Corp. vice chairman Dr. Magdaleno Albarracin Jr. and president and COO Dr. Chito Salazar. ***Punto News Team/Contributed photos***

Signatories to the MOA pose with Health Secretary Dr. Edwin Mercado, PhilHealth P/CEO Dr. Beverly Lorraine Ho, and Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda. **PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA**

SubicWater...

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supply remains adequate.

"We are so lucky that we have mountains, and we were able to preserve the mountains," Aliño said, noting that the freeport continues to draw water from its surrounding watersheds.

He added that responsible water use remains essential in protecting the area's supply as weather conditions change.

The preparations are aimed at sustaining water services for households, businesses and industrial locators in Olongapo and the Subic Bay Freeport, where reliable water supply is critical to daily operations and continued economic activity.

Antonio said the utility would continue implementing its contingency measures while monitoring river levels, demand and the performance of alternative sources as the country braces for the possible effects of Super El Niño.

Photo: Subic Water

Patuloy...

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lupang ninuno ay hindi lamang usapin ng mga dokumento; nakaugat din ito sa kasaysayan, tradisyon, kabuhayan, at pagkakakilanlan ng kanilang mga pamayanan.

Noon, sa panahon ng ama, Marcos Senior, ipinaglaban ng mga katutubo ang kanilang lupang ninuno laban sa isang dambuhalang proyektong pang-enerhiya. Ngayon, sa panahon ng anak, Marcos Junior, muling nasusubok kung paano pagtitimbangin ang mga pangako ng kaunlaran at ang karapatan ng mga katutubo.

Hindi magkapareho ang Chico Dam at Pax Silica o ang kani-kanilang kalagayan. Ngunit kapwa nila ipinapaalala ang isang mahalagang aral: hindi dapat maging dahilan ang mga pangako ng kaunlaran upang maisantabi ang karapatan at kapakanan ng mga katutubo.

Ang tunay na kaunlaran ay hindi lamang nasusukat sa laki ng pamumuhunan, dami ng pabrika, o bilis ng pag-unlad ng teknolohiya. Dapat din itong masukat sa paggalang sa karapatang pantao, pangangalaga sa kalikasan, at makatarungang pakikilahok ng mga mamamayan sa mga desisyong nakaaapekto sa kanilang buhay.

Hindi pagtutol sa kaunlaran ang pagtatanggol sa lupang ninuno. Ang hinihingi ay kaunlarang makatarungan at makatao, na gumagalang sa mga karapatan ng mga katutubo at hindi nagsasakripisyo sa kanilang kabuhayan at kinabukasan.

MULA CHICO DAM HANGGANG PAX SILICA: Maaaring magbago ang mga proyekto at magpalit ang mga administrasyon, ngunit hindi dapat balewalain ang karapatan ng mga katutubo sa kanilang lupang ninuno.

Ang hamon sa BCDA ay hindi lamang ang pagtatayo ng isang modernong sentrong pang-industriya. Ito rin ay ang pagtiyak na ang kaunlarang isinusulong nito ay may paggalang sa mga karapatan at kapakanan ng mga pamayanang maaaring maapektuhan.

Dahil ang kasaysayan ng Chico Dam ay hindi lamang kuwento ng nakaraan. Isa itong babala at gabay sa mga pagpapasyang ginagawa natin ngayon.

Ang lupa ay hindi lamang ari-arian. Para sa mga katutubo, ito ay buhay, kasaysayan, pagkakakilanlan, at pamana sa susunod na mga salinlahi.

(Photos: Licas News, Daily Tribune)

17 private hospitals...

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"I watched President Marcos during the MOA signing with St. Luke's Medical Center. When Kapampangans saw it, many commented, 'Sana all!' We hope this will also be implemented in our province.' We are very grateful that Pampanga is among the provinces where this program is being implemented," enthused the governor.

Records from the Governor's Medical Assistance Office show that the Provincial Government of Pampanga, in coordination with national government agencies, provided more than P1.5 billion in medical and financial assistance to 38,867 beneficiaries from June 2025 to July 2026.

The 17 participating hospitals are Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Inc.; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Clark; Rosario Medical Center (Guagua); Dr. Amando Garcia Medical Center; St. John Paul II Medical Center Corp.; AC Sacred Heart Hospital; GreenCity Medical Center; Holy Trinity Medical Center, Inc.; Mother Teresa of Calcutta Medical Center; Pampanga Premier Medical Center, Inc.; Apalit Doctor's Hospital, Inc.; Asccom Medical Center; E.D. Lim Medical Center; Leonardo R. Manabat Sr. Hospital, Inc.; Our Lady of Rosary Hospital; San Fernandino Hospital; and HTC Specialty Clinic and Diagnostic Laboratory.

Under the law, private hospitals are required to allocate at least 10% of their total bed capacity for basic or ward accommodations, where qualified patients may avail themselves of the NBB Program, subject to PhilHealth policies and guidelines.

The initiative aims to provide more Kapampangans with access to quality medical services without the financial burden of additional covered hospitalization expenses. Although the NBB policy has been in place for more than a decade, PhilHealth, in coordination with the provincial government and DOH, is strengthening its implementation and monitoring through the agreement.

DOH data presented during the event showed private hospitals in Pampanga have a combined capacity of 1,951 beds, while public hospitals account for 1,760 beds.

"The NBB Program of PhilHealth started in 2010. Under this policy, PhilHealth members admitted to basic or ward accommodations in private hospitals should no longer have to pay out of pocket for covered medical expenses during hospitalization. They should no longer have to worry about these expenses because PhilHealth will cover them," PhilHealth official spokesperson Dr. Alfred Phillip De Dios said.

PhilHealth and participating hospitals will also establish monitoring mechanisms to ensure compliance with NBB requirements, including the assessment of professional fees, hospital charges, and other out-of-pocket payments.

According to PhilHealth, hospitals that signed the agreement may also qualify for performance-based incentives in recognition of their participation and compliance with established program standards.

Pampanga PIO/

4 Kapampangans...

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Only last September, Tesoro was proclaimed National Artist of the Philippines for Design.

Mak Tumang of Mexico rounds up the Top 10, hailed for his "intense 3D embroidery, gradient beadwork, and heavy crystallization to tell a distinct cultural story through the dress itself" famously made manifest in the "Mayon Lava Gown" worn by Catriona Gray in her winning Miss Universe 2018.

Also rooted in Mexico town, ranked 28th Ditta Sandico is considered a pioneer in eco-fashion design with her banaca – an innovative blend of banana and abaca fibers -- creating sculptural, multi-use, and travel-friendly Filipiniana wraps.

Ranking 54th, Angeles City native Marlon Tuazon created a fashion niche with his Filipino ternos using native materials, winning double gold in the Balintawak and Terno categories at TernoCon 2018. He was also recognized as Most Promising Fashion Designer at Asia's Pinnacle Awards 2023.

By no means an official fashion industry registry, the Top 100 Living Filipino Fashion Designers is Pinoy History editorial ranking that considers design excellence, originality, craftsmanship, cultural influence, professional achievements, international recognition, and contributions to the industry.

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COMPANY NAME: Donggwang Clark Corporation dba Sun Valley Country Club
ADDRESS: Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Clark Freeport Zone
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Hospitality
POSITION: Director of Food and Beverage (1 Vacancy)

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The Director of Food and Beverage is responsible for ensuring that all F&B outlets, as well as conference and banqueting operations, function as profitable and independent business units. This role focuses on delivering exceptional guest satisfaction and maintaining consistency in accordance with Hilton Brand Standards. Success is achieved through effective planning, organization, control, and strategic marketing initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS:
•Has a minimum of ten (10) years of managerial-level experience in Food and Beverage operations at an international five-star hotel chain.
•Accomplished Food & Beverage Director with broad international experience, known for leading highperforming teams and elevating guest experience standards globally.
•Demonstrates excellent written and oral English communication skills.
•Possesses strong numerical and analytical skills to support Financial Accountability, Strategic Planning, Beverage and Inventory Operations, Talent Management, and Floor Leadership.
•Experience handling multiple restaurants/F&B Outlets operations including meeting rooms, conferences, banquet events with high volume of guest.
•Formal hotel school education is an advantage.

PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT: Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort
NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL INTENDING TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION:
Fabian Apel (Deutsch)
Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Clark Freeport Zone
Intended period of employment: Two (2) years

Applications may be sent to: Pamela Bartolome at CRKPP_HRD@hilton.com

Hilton Clark Sun Valley Resort hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description of a Director of Food and Beverage.

The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Central Office located at DOLE Building, Muralla Wing cor. General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila 1002, Philippines.

If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Central Office.

Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at Department of Labor and Employment – Central Office located at DOLE Building, Muralla Wing cor. General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila 1002, Philippines. after this publication.

Please inform Department of Labor and Employment – Central Office, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.

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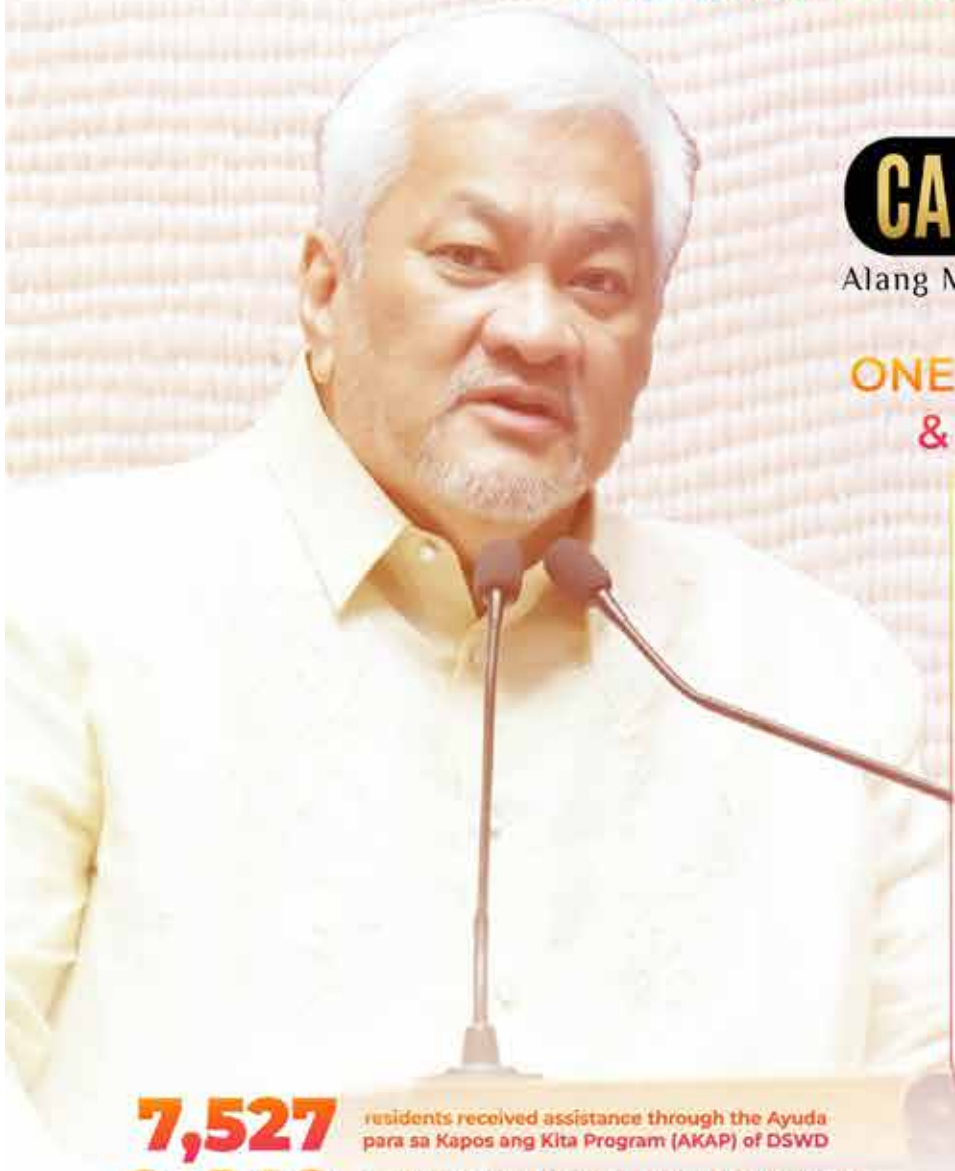

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CARMELO LAZATIN JR.

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ONE YEAR OF CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE & ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT 2026

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

in all regular sessions

• 33 Regular Sessions attended

60 BILLS filed in the 20th Congress

68 RESOLUTIONS filed in the 20th Congress

7,527 residents received assistance through the Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) of DSWD

8,649 residents received assistance through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) of DSWD

6,932 residents received FREE MEDICINES

1,350 residents received FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

397 residents received BURIAL ASSISTANCE

198 WHEELCHAIRS distributed to residents in the First District

907 Senior Citizens in the First District visited and given assistance

351 FREE CASKETS given to Indigent Residents

2,238 beneficiaries received assistance through the Presidential Assistance for Farmers and Fisherfolk Program

4,410 DAYCARE STUDENTS in the First District given school supplies

15 families of fire victims received rice and food packs

87 BARANGAYS in First District fumigated against dengue through the LAMOK-TEPOK BUSTERS

176 graduates awarded with Medals of Excellence for their achievements

P176,000 cash incentives awarded to exemplary graduates in the First District through the Cong. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. Medal of Excellence Award

290 individuals awarded with Certificates of Recognition for their achievements

P694,000 cash incentives awarded to exemplary individuals in the First District

17,074 TODA members in the First District received 5 kilos of rice each

2,555 JODA members in the First District received 5 kilos of rice each

269 students received assistance through the Tulong Dunong Program of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

314 individuals enrolled in the Special Training for Employment Program (STEP) and Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP) of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

1st EVER MALUNGGAY ICE CREAM launched in First District during Nutrition Month 2025

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