

# Higher education subsidies to narrow gender gap in employment

MANILA – On the first day of Women’s Month, a House leader on Friday said sustaining and improving

higher education subsidies for college students can narrow the gender gap in employment.

Citing data from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Philippine Statistics

Authority (PSA), Bohol 3rd District Rep. Kristine Alexie Tutor said the gender gap in wages is narrowest among

women who are college graduates at 12 percent and for those with college education at 23 percent.

Tutor said in order to narrow the gender gaps, the government

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# DENR announces conviction of illegal logger in Cavite

**MARAGONDON, Cavite (PIA) – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources recently announced the successful prosecution of an individual who was arrested for the unlawful cutting of trees in the town of Maragondon in Cavite.**

According to DENR, two forest protection officers from the PENRO Cavite were directed to monitor the activities of the individual who was reported to be engaged in the illegal cutting of trees in Barangay Pinagsanjan B. The individual was later arrested with 116.66 board feet of lumber found in his possession.

The individual was eventually convicted for violating Section 77 of Presidential Decree 705, which prohibits the collection, cutting, and sale of timber and other forest products without license

The Department of Environment of Natural Resources (DENR) in CALABARZON stated that the perpetrators will additionally be charged for violating Section 7 (4) of RA 9175, commonly referred to as the Chainsaw Act of 2002.

The unidentified illegal logger was sentenced to six (6) months and one (1) day of imprisonment after he was found guilty of the charge.

In a statement, the DENR CALABARZON stated that the actions of PENRO Cavite

reflect the agency’s steadfast commitment to enforcing environmental laws and combating illegal forestry activities in the province.

“The abrupt action of PENRO Cavite reflects the diligence of DENR in pursuing legal action against violators of the law. This success story highlights the unwavering efforts of DENR in enforcing environmental laws, addressing illegal activities, and promoting responsible stewardship of natural resources in the province of Cavite.” (PB/DENR CALABARZON)



## LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN NG CAVITE LGU, PATULOY

Patuloy ang awareness campaign ng pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Cavite upang mapuksa ang stigma sa leprosy at iba pang mga sakit sa balat.

Sa pangunguna ng Department of Health Center for Health Development - CALABARZON at Office of the Provincial Health Officer, nagsagawa ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng libreng skin disease consultation noong Pebrero 27, sa Barangay Sampaloc 4, Dasmariñas City.

Nakipagtulungan ang City Health Office sa nasabing aktibidad kung saan mahigit 100 indibidwal ang nagkaroon ng pagkakataon na makapagpa-konsulta sa mga espesyalista.

Ayon sa Cavite PHO, binibigyang diin nito ang kahalagahan ng early detection at medical care upang maiwasan ang paglala ng sakit. Nagbigay rin ang lokal na pamahalaan ng libreng prescription medicine at mga ointment. | via Cavite Provincial Information Office

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## Comelec: 2 firms eligible to bid for 2025 polls transmission system

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Thursday declared two joint venture (JV) firms as eligible to bid for the Secure Electronic Transmission Services (SETS)

project to be utilized in next year’s midterm polls.

The Comelec-Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) allowed the JV of

EBizolution, Inc. - Secur Links Network and Technologies Inc.-Systems Information and Solutions Corporation

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# PIA CALABARZON LAUNCHES BAGONG CALABARZON BARANGAY FORUM

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) IV-A has launched the Bagong Calabarzon Barangay Forum, a grassroots communications program of the agency, that aims to communicate the various programs and services of the government directly to the barangays and members of different sectors and organizations, in Barangay Palingon, Calamba City, Laguna on February 29, Thursday.

Fisherfolks from 10 lakeshore barangays of Calamba City had the opportunity to voice their concerns, experiences, insights, and suggestions and ask questions about pressing issues affecting the industry.

The Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) presented its programs, projects, and initiatives aimed at the development of fisherfolk communities around Laguna de Bay and bear the conservation efforts being done by the agency for the largest freshwater lake in the country.

The city government of Calamba, through the Office of the City Mayor and City Agricultural Services Department, and the Office of Rep. Charisse Anne Hernandez-Alcantara, were also present in the event to obtain said issues which may be used in formulating local programs for the fisheries sector.

The LLDA and the local government commended



the initiative of the grassroots strategy of PIA, which allowed them to obtain feedback from communities directly and pave the way for a collaborative approach to finding solutions that seek to benefit

the fishing community and the environment.

The Bagong Calabarzon Barangay Forum is in line with the Bagong Pilipinas campaign of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. which

serves as the National Government's branding and communications strategy. | via Anna Mole, PIA-4A

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# Ticket sold in Pasig wins P175-M Ultra

## Lotto jackpot

MANILA – A lone bettor from Metro Manila became an instant multi-millionaire after hitting the PHP175-million jackpot in the Ultra Lotto 6/58 draw on Friday night.

In a statement on Saturday, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) said the winner from Amang Rodriguez Avenue, Santolan, Pasig City got the winning combination of 04-07-57-05-54-47 with a total jackpot prize of PHP175,160,965.20.

The bettor can claim the prize at the PCSO main office in Mandaluyong City by presenting the winning ticket and two identification cards.

As provided in the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law, lotto winnings of more than PHP10,000 are subject to a 20-percent tax.

Prizes not claimed within a

year shall be forfeited.

Meanwhile, 20 other bettors won PHP120,000 each for guessing five out of the six winning digits, while 765 will get PHP2,000 each for four correct digits, and 18,907 will settle for PHP100 each for three correct digits.

The Ultra Lotto 6/58 is drawn every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.

PCSO general manager Melquiades Robles urged the public to support the agency's gaming products to raise additional revenues for health initiatives, medical services, and other national charities.

Through its mandatory contributions, the PCSO not only helps individuals in need of medical assistance but also provides funds to government institutions. (PNA)

# NFA officials under probe urged to take voluntary leave of absence

MANILA – Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Friday urged National Food Authority (NFA) officials being investigated over the alleged improper sale of NFA buffer stock rice at a subsidized price to take a voluntary leave of absence (LOA).

In a statement, Laurel said the concerned officials should allow the Department of Agriculture's (DA) investigating panel to review and assess the matter "without hindrance."

"The best thing is, and I strongly advise them, to take a leave of absence... at least the

heads, the accused, and the accuser," he said.

Laurel, however, assured that anyone is presumed innocent, considering the exchanges of allegations within the NFA.

"Until proven guilty, everyone is innocent. But this internal investigation is very important so let's give it time," he added.

The agricultural chief further said that the probe is just the first step and DA's succeeding actions would follow once the investigation results are out.

Although Laurel did not set a deadline, his office said it ex-

pects a swift and accurate assessment result.

Earlier, NFA Assistant Administrator for Operations Lemuel Pagayunan disclosed to the People's Television Network the alleged selling of 75,000 bags of NFA rice without the conduct of public bidding.

This allegedly involved more than PHP93.7 million worth of NFA rice, sold to select millers and traders at the price of PHP25 per kg.

The DA, meanwhile, said NFA executives claim the sale followed procedures and denied any irregularity. (PNA)



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# Partly cloudy skies, isolated rains over most of PH

MANILA – The northeast monsoon or "amihan" and the easterlies will bring partly cloudy skies and isolated rain showers over parts of the country, the weather bureau said Saturday.

In its 4 a.m. bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said the northeast monsoon will bring cloudy skies and light rains over Cagayan Valley, as well as partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated

light rains over the Ilocos and Cordillera regions, and Aurora.

Meanwhile, Metro Manila and the rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms due to the easterlies and localized thunderstorms.

Strong winds and rough seas will be felt over Northern Luzon, while the eastern sections of Central and Southern Luzon, and the eastern sections of the Visayas and Mindanao



will have moderate to strong winds and moderate to rough coastal waters.

The rest of the archipelago will have light to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas.

The temperature in Metro

Manila will range from 23°C to 32°C; Baguio City, 15°C to 24°C; Laoag City, 21°C to 30°C; Legazpi City, 21°C to 30°C; Metro Cebu, 25°C to 31°C; Puerto Princesa City, 25°C to 32°C; and Metro Davao, 25°C to 32°C. (PNA)

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), Mortgagee,

-versus-

SARAH JANE G. RAMOS, Mortgagee-Debtor.  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on July 30, 1998 by Mortgagor-Debtor, SARAH JANE G. RAMOS, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Sto. Domingo, Sta. Rosa, Laguna and (2) Lot 49 Blk. 19, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-808948) 16566 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor/Borrower in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE PESOS AND 63/100 (Php219,941.63) inclusive of interest and other charges, as of August 15, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver T. Bocacao, Jr., will sell at public auction on APRIL 10, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-808948) 16566 Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot No. 49 Blk. 19 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of Lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., Lots 8016-A to 8016-H, Csd-04-006071-D, Lot 15709-A, Csd-042118-012810-D & Lot Blk. 71, Pcs-04-011250, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Open Space 3; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 48 Blk. 19; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 34 (6.50 m. wide) p and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 50 Blk. 19; all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 64 deg. 52 'E., 4943.92 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad.; thence N. 12 deg. 12 'W., 3.50 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 77 deg. 01 'E., 9.89 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 13 deg. 31 'E., 3.50 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 77 deg. 01 'W., 9.97 m. to pt. 1; beginning, containing an area of THIRTY FIVE (35) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey Dec. 7, 1973-Dec. 4, 1975 and that of the subd. survey Aug. 1-30, 1997 and was approved on Dec. 5, 1997. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of SARAH JANE G. RAMOS, single, of legal age, FILIPINO.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on APRIL 17, 2024 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-808948) 16566, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, January 30, 2024.

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should sustain the Tertiary Education Subsidy for students in local colleges and universities and private colleges and universities, the Unified Student Financial Assistance System (UniFAST) education programs, and free college education in state universities and colleges.

"These higher education subsidies can keep more female college students in school to improve their employability and benefit households that are low-income, near-poor, and lower-middle-income," the House Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation chairperson said in a statement.

She also pointed out that the hiring gap in the construction sector can be narrowed for women by increasing the number of positions available to them, particularly in technical, administrative, and support roles where physical strength should be "much less of a factor."

She said the Department



of Labor and Employment – Bureau of Working Conditions should look into how gender biases in the hiring and retention practices in the construction sector can be minimized.

"Workplaces in the construction sector should be safe spaces for women, as well as for the LGBTQIA+, to encourage gender diversity," she said.

She also suggested that

the Professional Regulation Commission and the different regulatory boards should spend the bulk of Gender and Development (GAD) funds on improving the numbers of women in every profession.

"There remains much room for improvement in the numbers of women among civil engineers, electrical engineers, electronics engineers, master electricians, master plumbers, industrial engi-

neers, sanitary engineers, and electronics technicians," she said.

For the Commission on Higher Education and the state universities and colleges, she recommended spending their GAD funds on how to incentivize and encourage more women to enroll in engineering, legal education, public administration, and science programs. (PNA)



CASH FOR WORK. Beneficiaries of the Department of Labor and Employment-Tulong Panghanapbuhay Sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers emergency employment program receive their 10-day salary of PHP4,680 at Dumaguete City National High School gymnasium in Negros Oriental on Jan. 27, 2024 The DOLE refuted social media posts claiming that beneficiaries will get PHP800 daily, stressing that minimum wages for the program are based on rates set by respective regional wage boards. (PNA file photo by Judy Partlow)

## DOLE: No truth to P800 minimum wage for TUPAD beneficiaries

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Friday warned the public against misinformation on the hiring of beneficiaries under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program.

In a social media post, the DOLE belied posts claiming that beneficiaries will get PHP800 daily, stressing that minimum wages for the program are based on rates set by respective regional wage boards.

"The highest minimum wage in the country is PHP610 in the National Capital Region. The post also erroneously used the logo of the National Labor Relations Commission—a quasi-judicial agency attached to the DOLE mandated to adjudicate labor and management disputes and is not connected to the TUPAD Program," it said.

At the same time, the DOLE urged the public to immediately report to them if they receive any information regarding the unauthorized use of the program.

"You may reach us through the DOLE Hotline 1349 or the nearest DOLE office in your area, with corresponding contact numbers published on the Department's official website [www.dole.gov.ph/key-officials/](http://www.dole.gov.ph/key-officials/)," it added.

The TUPAD program is a community-based package of assistance that provides safety net to disadvantaged workers aged 18 years old and above through temporary wage employment.

It is implemented by DOLE's Bureau of Workers with Spe-

cial Concerns (BWSC) which serves as TUPAD's program manager, either through direct administration by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) or through co-partners, such as the local government units.

Under the program, beneficiaries are engaged for a minimum of 10 days up to a maximum of 90 days, continuous or otherwise, depending on the nature of the work to be performed. (PNA)



## BFP: Fire incidents up 25% in first 2 months of 2024

Speaking at a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon briefing on Friday, Bureau of Fire of Protection (BFP) spokesperson Fire Supt. Annalee Carbajal-Atienza said a total of 3,044 fire incidents were reported from Jan. 1 to March 1 this year, from 2,424 incidents logged in the same period last year.

Smoking is the leading cause of fire incidents, followed by unattended open flames from cooking and electric ignitions, she added.

“Doon tayo naka-focus ngayon at majority po ng insidente ay residential. Kaya isa po sa programa natin although since 2019 pa naman po ito inilunsad, ‘Oplan Ligtas na Pamayanan’ at kasama po dito iyong pagpapakalat ng (We are focusing on residential areas because majority of these fires are residential. This is why one of our key programs, although it was launched in 2019, ‘Oplan Ligtas na Pamayanan,’ includes the dissemination of EDITH – Emergency Drill In The Home,” Atienza said.

She added that the BFP modernization, which is set to commence this year, is seen to improve fire prevention and response efforts.



**CHARRED.** The remnants of 150 houses razed by fire in a residential area along Quezon Boulevard corner Recto Avenue in Manila on Feb. 1, 2024. The BFP on Friday (March 1, 2024) said it has logged a 25 percent increase in fire incidents in the first two months of 2024. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

“Ang atin pong pinapalakas, siyempre iyong mga existing resources natin at tayo naman po ay excited sa pagkakatag ng BFP modernization. Sa sampung taon na darating, simula ngayon ay mapupunan na po iyong kakulangan natin sa fire truck at fire station, at ganoon na rin sa pagdagdag ng personnel (What we are strengthening, of course, are our existing resources and we are excited about BFP modernization. In the next 10 years from now, our lack of fire trucks and fire stations, as well as personnel, will be augmented),” Atienza

said.

As of January, Atienza said, 123 towns have no firetrucks and fire stations and only have fire prevention officers.

“Habang naghihintay po tayo sa completion na ito, siyempre ina-acknowledge natin iyong presensiya ng mga fire volunteers natin sa ngayon na napaka-supportive at active po when it comes to public service. Patuloy din po ang ating pag-monitor ng area of responsibility natin sa bawat bayan (While we are waiting for this completion, of course, we ac-

knowledge the presence of our fire volunteers who are very supportive and active when it comes to public service. We are also continuing to monitor our area of responsibility in each town),” she added.

The BFP will hold motorcades across the country to improve public awareness of fire prevention, she said.

March is Fire Prevention Month through Proclamation 115-A signed by the late president Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. in 1966. (PNA)

## DepEd probes illegal sale of ‘Catch-up Fridays’ school materials

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) said Friday it has begun investigating the alleged illegal sale of “Catch-up Fridays” and other school activity materials.

Catch-up Friday is a learning mechanism which aims to strengthen learners’ capacity in reading, writing, critical thinking, and analysis, among others, as part of the department’s learning recovery efforts.

In a statement, the DepEd said some school personnel were reportedly requiring learners to buy booklets and workbooks.

“DepEd has already commenced an investigation on the matter. Any individual found guilty of such (a

scheme shall face appropriate administrative sanctions,” the DepEd said.

The DepEd said these materials are free, urging parents to be vigilant against such schemes.

“The Department reiterates that such acts are strictly prohibited. Catch-Up Fridays and other school activities must not involve out-of-pocket costs,” it said.

“Parents and learners are reminded not to accommodate and patronize such unauthorized transactions,” it added.

Victims or concerned individuals, meanwhile, may directly send their complaints to the Office of the Secretary via email at osec@deped.gov.ph. (PNA)

## LTO impounds over 1.6K delinquent vehicles in Feb



MANILA – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) impounded 1,653 motor vehicles in February as part of its nationwide crackdown against delinquency.

In a statement Friday, LTO chief Assistant Secretary Vigor Mendoza II said the impounded vehicles are only a fraction of the total 7,252 delinquent motor vehicles -- left unregistered for an extended period -- that were apprehended in February.

“Patuloy ang ating agresibong operasyon kaya muli ay nanawagan tayo sa mga delinquent motor vehicles na huwag na hintayin mahuli pa kayo dahil mas malaki ang babayaran ninyo at baka ma-impound pa ang mga sasakyan niyo (Our aggressive operation continues and that’s why we are again calling on delinquent vehicle owners to not wait to be apprehended because you’ll only face bigger fines and possible impounding),” Mendoza said.

Renewal of registration is

one of the ways to determine the roadworthiness of vehicles on the road to help ensure the safety of all road users, he added.

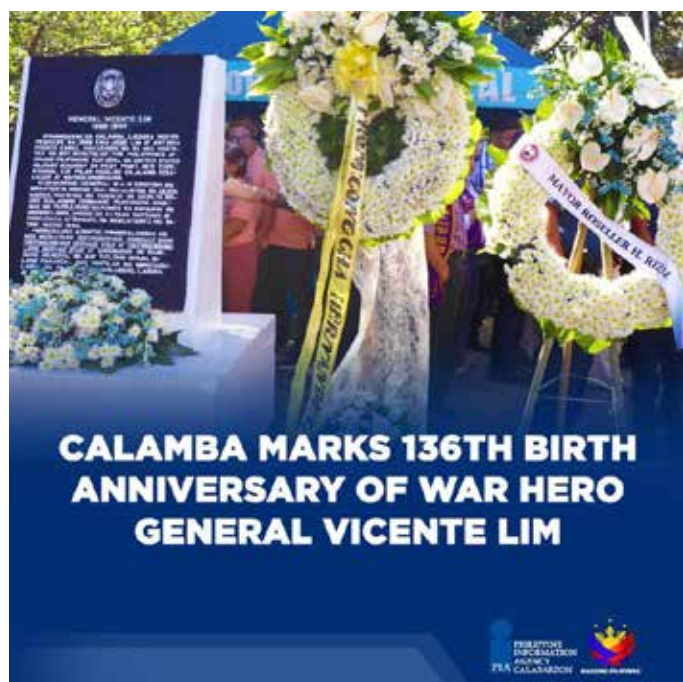
In addition, LTO regional offices caught 243 “colorum” or unregistered public utility vehicles (PUV) for illegally picking up passengers.

Of the figure, 123 were impounded.

“Let this serve as a stern warning to the delinquent motor vehicle owners that we will continue with this operation because this involves road safety and your obligation that comes with motor vehicle ownership,” he said.

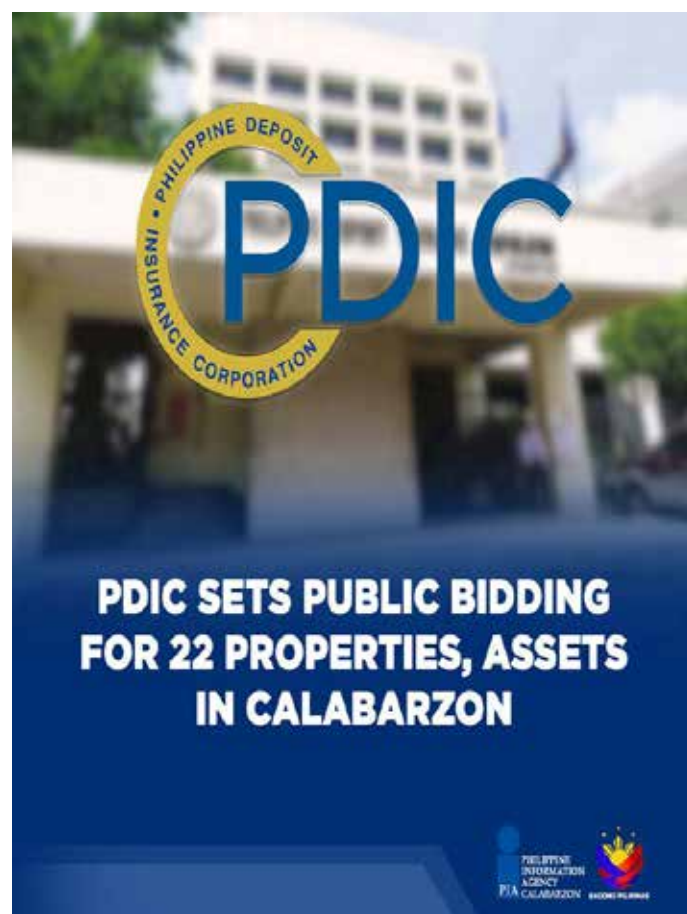
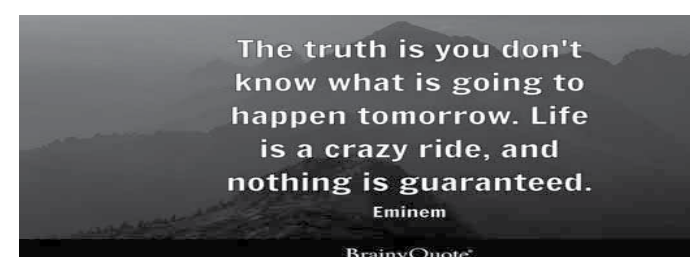
In January, the LTO said 272,233 delinquent motor vehicles have registered following the aggressive implementation of its “no registration, no travel” policy.

Last year, the LTO launched its crackdown against delinquent vehicles, estimated at 24 million. (PNA)



A descendant of the decorated World War II hero Brigadier General Vicente P. Lim on Feb. 24 paid tribute to the legacy left by her great-grandfather during his 136th birth anniversary celebration in Calamba City, Laguna.

Held at the ruins of Gen. Lim’s ancestral property, just a few blocks away from the house of Calamba’s other patriot son, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Beatriz Pilar Lim highlighted that Lim’s bravery shown against colonial aggression was ignited by love.



Agricultural properties from corporate and closed banks in the Calabarzon region, with assets ranging from P465,000 to P4.6 million, are set for public e-bidding by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC).

According to Romeo Ofrin, PDIC’s corporate executive officer, there are 54 agricultural properties open for bidding nationwide this February 2024, 22 of which are located in the Calabarzon region.

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# PDIC sets public bidding for 22 properties, assets in Calabarzon

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Ofrin said that prices vary depending on the location of the property and the base price set by interested bidders.

In Calabarzon, there are three available properties in Batangas up for bidding, three in Cavite, 10 in Laguna, and six in Quezon.

Ofrin added that apart from the Calabarzon region, agricultural land properties are also available in Aklan, Antique, Bohol, Camarines Sur, Isabela, La Union, Marinduque, Misamis Oriental, Negros Occidental, Pangasinan, and South Cotabato, open for public e-bidding.

According to PDIC, bidders can easily join through the e-bidding portal created to streamline the acquisition of properties, modernizing and enhancing government processes for the benefit and con-



venience of the public.

“What’s great about this is, since it’s an e-bidding procedure, those interested in acquiring properties don’t need to physically go to Makati. People from Laguna, Cavite, Batangas, Quezon, and even OFWs can participate and purchase properties through PDIC e-biddings,” said Jeanette Delgado, Corporate Executive Officer of the Asset Management and Disposal Department during the Philippine Information Agency’s Sulong Calabarzon program.

Delgado said bidders must submit a certification from the Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO) of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) where the property they desire to acquire is located to ensure that the agricultural lot is not covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), and that no Emancipation Patent or

Certificate of Land Ownership Awards has been issued for the said property. She added that the funds generated from these properties will primarily augment the PDIC and closed banks’ financial portfolios to settle the insurance claims of depositors and closed bank creditors.

The agricultural lands acquired by successful bidders can be repurposed and converted into other types of properties, with the responsibility for the process shouldered by the new owner.

Delgado explained: “It’s possible. However, the process will be handled by the new owner. For instance, if the property acquired is formerly an agricultural land, and they want to convert it into a subdivision making it a residential area, then they will be responsible for the whole process.”

Interested bidders are encouraged to join the upcoming bidding on February 28 to 29 through its public e-bidding portal, accessible at <https://assetsforsale.pdic.gov.ph>, starting from 9:00 am on February 28, 2024, until 1:00 pm on February 29, 2024.

The PDIC is planning to hold a face-to-face public bidding of assets on March 21, 2024, in Makati City to further assist closed banks in liquidating their assets. (CO/PIA-4A; with reports from PDIC)

Sulong Calabarzon is a weekly public affairs program hosted by the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon, streaming live every Thursday, 2:00 PM via the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon Facebook page.

From Jan. 1 to Feb. 10, a total of 67 deaths were reported, resulting in a case fatality rate of 0.32 percent for the year 2024.

The DOH said it continues to monitor and assess the situation to implement necessary measures and

of data centers and connectivity requirements for the Automated Election System (AES) servers.

Meanwhile, Comelec spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco said the new SETS is set to make the quick count operations of poll watchdogs faster in the scheduled polls.

“The quick count operations will be faster as the PPCRV (Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting), Namfrel (National Citizens’ Movement for Free Elections), LENTE (Legal Network for Truthful Elections) will have their own servers instead of sourcing it from just one. From their (own server), they can immediately start their quick count,” he said in an interview.

Quick counts are unofficial election results being conducted by poll watchdogs based on the transmitted election returns. (PNA)

It also includes the provision



## PAPARATING NA ANG BAGONG CALABARZON!

Bilang tugon sa mandato ng Philippine Information Agency na magbahagi ng makabuluhan at tamang impormasyon para sa ating mga kababayan, ihahatid ng PIA CALABARZON ang Bagong Calabarzon Barangay Forum! Bibisita ang BCBF sa ilang komunidad sa ating rehiyon upang iparating ang programa ng mga ahensya ng pamahalaan, direkta sa komunidad at sa iba't ibang sektor ng ating lipunan.

## Comelec: 2 firms eligible to bid for 2025 polls transmission system..from page 1

(Ebiz), and the JV of Ione Resources Inc.-Ardent Networks, Inc. (Ione Resources) to participate in the bidding for the project with an approved budget for the contract (ABC) worth PHP1.638 billion.

In Resolution No. 1, the SBAC declared Ione Resources as having the lowest calculated bid (LCB) at PHP1.426 billion.

“The Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby directed to subject the bidder with the LCB for said procurement project to post-qualification evaluation,” the SBAC said.

Meanwhile, EBiz tendered a bid of PHP1.628 billion.

Both companies are the only ones that submitted bids for the SETS project.

The SETS will be used to transmit election results using telecommunication networks.

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# Dengue cases in PH going down

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Friday said the number of dengue cases nationwide is on a downtrend.

“Based on data as of February 23, 2024, there is a notable 11 percent reduction in dengue cases nationwide observed from January 14 to 27, 2024,

with 7,434 cases, in comparison to the preceding period from January 1 to 13, 2024, which had 8,368 cases,” the DOH said in a statement.

A subsequent decrease was observed from Jan. 28 to Feb. 10, 2024 where only 5,267 cases were recorded.

However, these figures may be subject to change due to potential delayed consultations and reporting, it said.

The regions of Northern Mindanao and Caraga showed case increases from Jan. 14 to 27 at 1,384 compared to 715 cases from Jan. 1 to 13.



CLEANUP DRIVE VS. DENGUE. Community health workers of Barangay La Suerte in M’lang town, North Cotabato inspect households on June 9, 2022 for any breeding site of mosquitoes as part of the campaign against dengue. The Department of Health said Friday (March 1, 2024) the number of dengue cases nationwide is on a downtrend. (Photo courtesy of DOH-Soccksargen)



BIDDING. Commission on Elections (Comelec) spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco answers questions from the media during the opening of bids for the electronic transmission system to be used in the 2025 midterm polls at the Comelec main office in Intramuros, Manila on Thursday (Feb. 29, 2024). The poll body has declared two firms as eligible to bid for the project. (PNA photo by Ferdinand Patinio)





## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PARA SA MAHIGIT 400 KATAO, IPINAMAHAHI SA MARAGONDON

Tumanggap ng tulong pinansyal mula sa pamahalaan ang 401 residente sa bayan ng Maragondon kamakailan.

Kabilang sa mga ito ang 251 mag-aaral na nasa kolehiyo at 150 indibidwal na tumanggap ng financial assistance mula sa Agimat Partylist.

Sa kanilang Facebook page naman ipinaabot ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pangunguna ni Mayor Lawrence Arca at Vice Mayor Bernie Ilagan para sa tanggapan ni Agimat Partylist Representative Bryan Revilla para sa tulong sa kanilang mga kababayan. | via Maragondon Public Information Office #BagongPilipinas

## PH creates 1st Guinness record on most variety of pork dishes served

MANILA – The Philippines on Friday created the Guinness World Record for the most variety of pork dishes on display, the first in such category.

Guinness official adjudicator Sonia Usjirohochi said a total of 313 unique pork dishes were served by the participants.

The announcement of the world record coincided with the celebration of National Hog Day at Gateway 2 in Cubao, Quezon City.

“More than 323 have participated in this festival, each bringing unique pork dishes nationwide,” National Federation of Hog Farmers vice chairman Alfred Ng said.

The participants included restaurant owners, chefs, culinary schools and students, and cooking moms.

“We’re hoping that the hog festival could intensify tour-

ism in the country, focusing on our rich tradition of cooking Filipino dishes using pork,” he said.

He added that the festival also allows hog producers to connect and network with the institutional market like restaurants and hotels to reduce the importation of pork.

The festival runs from March 1 to 5. The culminating event will be held at the Marikina Convention Center.

Faster recovery Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., meanwhile, assured the hog industry of the government’s support, particularly in speeding up its recovery against the effects of African swine fever (ASF).

In a statement, Laurel said it is imperative to ensure early detection and swift response to control its spread.

“Our immediate focus involves reinforcing biosecurity measures, enhancing quarantine protocols, and implementing robust sanita-

tion practices in hog farms nationwide to prevent further outbreaks,” Laurel said as he joined the celebration of Hog Festival 2024.

He also underscored the need to work with technical and industry experts, as well as with counterparts abroad to maximize innovative solutions and apply their best practices against ASF.

“Extensive public awareness campaign is a priority to educate farmers, industry stakeholders, and the public about preventive measures against ASF. Knowledge is a powerful tool, and through awareness, we aim to empower everyone to contribute to the eradication of ASF,” he added.

Likewise, Laurel vowed to continue financial aid and recovery programs for affected farmers.

In September last year, the country’s total inventory of pig heads dropped to 9.86 million, lower than 10.1 million pig heads in the same period in 2022. (PNA)



WORLD RECORD. Guinness World Record official adjudicator Sonia Usjirohochi walks around to check the pork dishes served at the National Hog Day at Gateway 2 in Cubao, Quezon City on Friday (March 1, 2024). The Philippines on Friday created the Guinness World Record for most variety of pork dishes on display with 313, the first in such category. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

## Bawas Timbang Para Bawas Arthritis

Payo ni Doc Willie Ong

Bawasan ang timbang, para mabawasan din ang arthritis. Ang sobrang timbang ay nagpapatigas ng joints.

1. Alisin sa iyong pagkain ang mantika, taba ng karne, full-fat dairy products at trans fat. Ang arachidonic acid, na nagpapalala ng pamamaga, ay matatagpuan sa karneng baboy, baka, at mga laman loob.

2. Ang mabisang paraan para mabawasan ang

timbang ay ang alisin ang mga processed foods, chichirya, matatamis na inumin at mantikang pagkain.

3. Palitan ng mas maliit ang plato, at kumuha ng kaya lang nguyain. Bagalan ang pagkain para mas makaramdan ng pagkabusog.

4. Bago mag-umpisa kumain, puwede ka munang uminom ng 1 basong tubig para mabusog ka ng kaunti. Puwede ding uminom ng clear soup. Kapag uminom tayo ng mga likido, medyo naku-

kumbinsi natin ang ating utak na nabubusog na tayo.

5. Magbawas sa pagkain ng kanin. Kung dati at 2 cups ng kanin ang kinakain, gawin na lang 1 cup rice.

6. Huling payo. Dahan-dahanin lang ang pagpapapayat. Huwag gutumin ang sarili. Kumain ng pakonti-konti sa buong araw, tulad ng mansanas, saging o pandesal, para laging may lamang ang inyong tiyan. Good luck.





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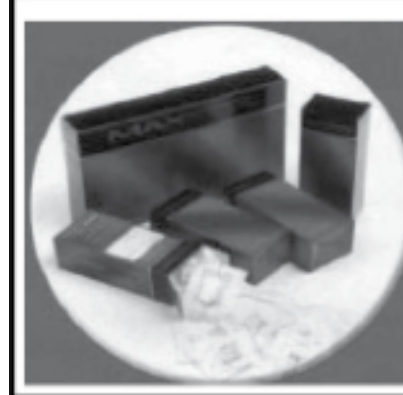
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