

Improved NFA warehouses to help local farmers, hike palay buying

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Friday underscored the importance of refurbished National Food Authority (NFA) warehouses in helping local farmers and increasing the volume of local palay (unhusked rice) procurement in the country. At least seven NFA warehouses in Northern Luzon have been rehabilitated in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directives to intensify support for local farmers and help reduce the country’s post-harvest losses through agri-infrastructure and modernization.

“I’m very happy na nakakita ako ng bagong refurbished na warehouse ng NFA. Kung nakita

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Modern tech to enhance learning at Imus public school

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — In a move to modernize public education and enhance student learning experiences, the City Government of Imus officially turned over 30 state-of-the-art 75-inch digital interactive display units to Tanzang Luma Elementary School.

According to the city government, the initiative seeks to enhance classroom engagement and improve literacy by integrating advanced technology into teaching and learning.

Third District Representative Adrian Jay Advincula who graced the official turnover of the digital interactive displays, underscored the urgent need to address reading comprehension challenges among students in public schools.

“Many of our students can read, but they struggle with understanding what they read. Through these interactive display TVs, we hope to provide

a more immersive and effective learning experience,” Rep. Advincula said during the ceremony.

The interactive displays function like oversized tablets, featuring built-in operating systems, internet browsing, media playback, whiteboarding, and annotation tools—making them ideal for dynamic and student-centered instruction.

Mayor Alex Advincula echoed the congressman’s message, highlighting the need to empower both students and educators through access to modern tools and resources.



“We want our students to keep pace with global trends and equip our teachers with the skills to harness technology in the classroom,” the mayor said. “Next year, we plan to install air conditioning units in every classroom to ensure that these devices operate efficiently and create a more comfortable learning environment.”

The mayor added: “This development marks a significant milestone not only for Tanzang Luma Elementary School but for public education in Cavite, as it sets the tone for a more digitally inclusive and future-ready learning environment.” (RF, PIA Cavite)

School fees remain voluntary, DepEd reminds public schools

Collection of fees in public schools remains strictly voluntary and must not be used as a basis for student admission, the Department of Education (DepEd) reminded school officials as schools reopened on Monday.

Omer Licayayo, Special Investigator of DepEd Calabarzon’s Legal Unit, reiterated the department’s no-collection policy, especially for students enrolling from pre-school up to Grade 4.

The policy also prohibits schools from collecting contributions from Grade 5 to high school students for Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) fees and public school activities during June and July.

“There are fees that schools can collect, like voluntary contributions for the BSP (Boys Scouts of the Philippines), GSP (Girl Scouts of the Philippines), and school publications. The prohibition from pre-school to Grade 4 includes voluntary contributions for BSP and GSP.”

Licayayo clarified that schools may collect BSP and GSP membership fees from Grade 5 students, but only on a voluntary basis.

Aside from scouting membership fees that cost P50,

DepEd has also imposed limits on other public school contributions, including P50 for the Philippine Red Cross, P5 for the Anti-TB Fund Drive, and P60 for school paper fees.


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More e-vehicle charging points  
sought in Calabarzon

Advocates of clean mobility have pushed for the installation of more electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the Calabarzon region to encourage more Filipinos to go electric and promote environment-friendly vehicles on the road.  
Engr. Ladislao Andal, chairperson of the Regional Development Council’s Sectoral Committee on Infrastructure Development (SCID) said limited charging infrastructures poses a challenge in the seamless adoption of environment-friendly energy sources.  
“There is a need to intensify the establishment of charging

stations in the region,” Andal emphasized.  
The Department of Energy reported at least 912 publicly accessible charging stations nationwide as of March 31, 2025, which are primarily concentrated in the National Capital Region.  
Andal said the EV charging infrastructure is aligned with the Philippine Energy Plan 2023-2050, the national blueprint for increasing the share of renewable energy in the country’s power generation mix to at least 35 percent by 2030.  
“This strategy will increase the share of renewable energy by reducing the reliance on



fossil fuels, enhance energy security, and decarbonize the transportation sector,” Anda said.  
Moreover, an environment-friendly transportation sector will also help reduce carbon emission and improve air quality in Calabarzon, which is home to numerous economic zones, manufacturing hubs from car and electronics, logistics warehouses and other multinational companies.  
EV users reported that most charging stations in Calabarzon are located inside industrial parks and in parking areas of select hotels.  
Richard Albert Osmond, RDC co-chair and private sector representative, said golf and country clubs have also installed EV charging stations for club members and

visitors.  
“Most clubhouses in golf clubs have installed charging stations,” Osmond noted.  
Clean Air Asia, an international non-governmental organization that aims to promote better air quality and more livable cities through reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emission, reported that a total of 9,666 EVs in the country have been registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in 2022. Most of these vehicles are two-wheeler and three-wheelers that are generally used for personal or public transport.  
However, the NGO admits a possible gap as registration of e-bikes, e-motorcycles, or e-tricycles has yet to be fully implemented in the country. (PB/PIA4A)

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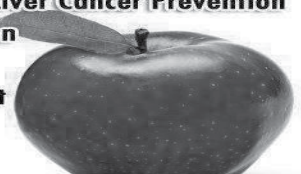
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Petitioner-Mortgagee,

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TO ROUMELIALYN MEJIA BANADERA,  
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by the Act No. 4118, filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Mortgagee, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against SALVADOR DOMAGO BANADERA, MARRIED TO ROUMELIALYN MEJIA BANADERA, Mortgagors, with postal address at 1A Sonata St., Sta. Cecilia Village, Talon II, Las Piñas City and/or Lot 3, Block 59, Pasinaya Homes II, Sabang, Timalan, Naic, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2022, amounted to FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE PESOS and 60/100 (Php.453,735.60) Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, Attorney's Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on July 22, 2025 at 9:00 in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Naic Cavite, to the highest bidder in CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency the property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

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Kasama ang Juego Caviteño Chairman and Councilor Renan Montoya at SK Federation Cavite City President Zul Gilera.  
Congratulations sa lahat ng mga nanalo at nakilaro sa programang ito.



# CvSU’s techno demo farm to strengthen agri innovation in Cavite

INDANG, Cavite (PIA) — The Cavite State University (CvSU) reaffirmed its commitment to agricultural innovation and education by partnering with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Calabarzon to establish an integrated Techno Demo Farm for research, training, and sustainable farming.

According to CvSU, the farm to be developed on a 1.3-hectare portion of CvSU’s STAR Farm in Indang, is expected to strengthen agricultural innovation and education by promoting sustainable farming practices, advancing research, and empowering local farmers and students with modern technologies and skills.

“The initiative also seeks to address pressing issues related to food security, climate-resilient agriculture, and the competitiveness of local farmers in an evolving agribusiness landscape,” CvSU said in a statement.

Under the partnership, CvSU and DA Calabarzon will collaborate in sharing knowledge and resources while implementing programs that promote sustain-



able farming technologies and agribusiness development.

These efforts will include instruction, research, extension services, and the monitoring and evaluation of activities, policies, and technologies related to the project.

“This partnership with DA Calabarzon aligns with CvSU’s mandate to conduct research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership

in agriculture, science and technology, education, and other related fields,” CvSU added.

Representatives from various national and local agencies, including the Bureau of Plant Industry, Bureau of Agricultural Research, Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development, local agricultural offices, and farmer cooperatives, were pres-

ent at the launch held recently, underscoring strong multi-sectoral support for agricultural development.

DA Calabarzon officials expressed optimism that the partnership will facilitate the transfer of modern farming technologies and business practices to rural communities, addressing the challenges posed by outdated techniques and limited access to innovation. (RF, PIA Cavite)

# School fees remain voluntary, DepEd reminds public schools..from page 1

While the DepEd does not set a fixed amount, membership contributions for PTAs must be determined during general assemblies to ensure consensus among parents.

“Please note that the payment of these fees are voluntary in nature. Even if schools are allowed to collect fees from

our determined list, parents may opt from paying because these are voluntary collections.”

The official emphasized that non-payment of voluntary school fees is not a valid reason to withhold student promotion or the issuance of clearance forms required for enrollment in the upcoming school year. (PB, PIA4A)

# Improved NFA warehouses to help local farmers, hike palay buying -DA...from page 1

niyo ho yung panahon na before refurbishment, tala-gang napabayaan po ng panahon (I’m very happy that I saw newly-refurbished NFA warehouse. If you have seen it before the refurbishment, it has been neglected through time),” Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. told journalists at the sidelines of the inspection of an NFA warehouse in Roxas, Isabela.

The refurbished warehouses include those in Burgos, Roxas, and Tumauni, all in the province of Isabela. These warehouses can store up to 148,000 50-kilogram bags of rice in total.

Other refurbished warehouses include those in Bagabag and Bayombong in Nueva Vizcaya, which has a capacity of 160,620 50-kg bags; and in Alfonso Lista and Lagawe in Ifugao, with 28,880 50-kg bags capacity.

The warehouses’ upgraded features include new roofs, improved ventilation systems and pest control systems, reinforced walls, and strengthened flooring.

The agriculture chief

said opening of more rehabilitated NFA warehouses around the country will follow to help protect farmers from unscrupulous traders who take advantage of them by buying rice at low prices.

“I’m very happy na nag-open tayo nito. There are 134 na buksan na kaya’t makikinaabang dito iyong farmers. At makakabili tayo ng mas maraming palay sa kanila ngayon (I’m very happy that we have opened these refurbished warehouses. There are 134 more that will be opened and farmers will benefit from it. And we can buy more palay from them),” he said.

In a separate statement, the DA disclosed that farmgate price of palay fell to as low as PHP10 per kilogram in some areas in the country, lower than the estimated production cost of PHP12-PHP14 per kilo.

The NFA’s average buying price, however, is set at PHP18/kg of fresh and wet palay, and PHP24/kg for clean and dry palay.

NFA Administrator Larry Lacson also said opening of rehabilitated NFA warehouses will allow them to “accommodate more palay from farmers who have waited in line for NFA to buy their harvest.” (PNA)

# Cavite town forms multisectoral alliance for child protection



GMA, Cavite (PIA) — The local government of General Mariano Alvarez has entered into a partnership with Save the Children Philippines and the Frere Saint Benilde Romancon Education Foundation of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas to strengthen child protection measures in the municipality.

The partnership aims to implement programs focused on combatting online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC), a growing concern in communities nationwide.

The collaboration outlines a multi-sectoral approach involving community stakeholders to implement awareness campaigns, educational initiatives for parents and chil-

dren, training for local authorities, and the development of victim support systems.

Mayor Maricel Echevarria-Torres said the partnership marks the beginning of meaningful programs aimed at protecting the youth.

“Through this collaboration, our barangays, schools, service providers, and parents will be trained to help create a safer, more dignified future for our children,” she said.

She expressed optimism that the initiative will serve as a model for other municipalities seeking to address the rising threat of online child exploitation through community-based solutions and sustained collaboration.

For Save the Children Philippines, the partnership is a “crucial step” in its Protect Children Philippines project, which aims to safeguard children of all ages and genders in the province.

General Mariano Alvarez is among the municipalities covered by the project, alongside the City of Trece Martires, Naic, Tanza, and Silang.

The DLSU-D also lauded the initiative saying that the partnership will reinforce local government and stakeholders’ commitment to creating a safer online environment for children and serving as a model for other communities.

This initiative aligns with Republic Act No. 11930, the “Anti-Online Sexual Abuse

or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act.” (RBF, PIA Cavite)







## EDITORIAL

### Quad com debacle

Lying, deception and treason was unearthed at the Senate committee hearing chaired by Sen Imee Marcos regarding the surrender of FPRRD by the Administration high officials to the foreign agents.

Some Filipinos, again, displayed mediocrity, it's subservience to foreigners, who are traitors, no less. Although these negative traits does not apply, in general to all, but mainly with government officials whose main focus in their respective posts is power and pocket. I don't think there will be disagreement here.

Power because the objective, this early, is to annihilate the main bulwark of opposition led by FPRRD. This is pretty obvious because what used to be the strong stand against cooperation with the International Criminal Court became the reverse or diametrically.

So far, the three Senate hearing conducted, showed nothing but a complete turned around with even DILG Secretary pointing to NSC Eduardo Ano, DOF Jesus Remulla, DND Secretary Gilbert Teodoro and himself do the planning and execution using the abusive and traitor General Torre as the hatchet man. It's a national shame that one Filipino, a PNP police general who should live up with the motto "to serve and protect," did also the reverse and lick the international tribunal agents. Firstly, so that by doing so, he will be appointed successor to the current CPNP who has the same blood type.

The Office of the Ombudsman acted already after Senator Imee Marcos urged the OMB to file charges against several top government officials involved in the arrest of FPRRD. She asked the graft body to investigate Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla, Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla, PNP Chief Gen. Rommel Marbil and CIDG Director Maj. Gen. Nicolas

Torre III.

Sen. Marcos thinks Justice Secretary Remulla may be liable for violations of RA 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, for allegedly authorizing or initiating what she described as the invalid administrative arrest of former President Duterte.

"I don't even know if that's a real committee report. We're not afraid of it," was the response of the justice secretary and committed to cooperate with the OMB investigation. Good answer. Additionally, Sec. Remulla may also be charged of usurpation of judicial functions, grave misconduct and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of public service. Oh that's a lot for the full bloodied Cavitenos to handle, who may even projected ahead what is in store for him before the bar of justice.

As most expected, as fruit of the poisonous tree, recommended too is the filing of charges against Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla for arbitrary detention and the Anti-Graft, and Corrupt Practices Act for inducing Torre and his Boss Marbil to violate the law aside from grave misconduct and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service.

Torre, who forcibly arrested Duterte, may be charged for arbitrary detention and violation of Republic Act 7438 for not allowing Vice President Sara Duterte to see her father and for forcing his lawyers to leave him. He, too, faces complaint of grave misconduct and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of public service.

Special Envoy on Transnational Crimes Markus Lacanilao, who appear to be better called a Special Liar may face charges for usurpation of official functions under

Article 177 of the Revised Penal Code, false testimony and perjury.

FPRRD faces crimes against humanity at the ICC over his war on drugs during his terms as Davao City Mayor and Philippines President from 2011 to 2019 at the ICC. But what really is crime against humanity? No admission but maybe, the case authors think we have no justice system at works. Because, not even one of the so-called victims families, not even one grandstanding Reps Flores, Castro, Paduano, Ortega, Chua, Abante came out to file case/s against FPRRD. Maybe, just maybe, or perhaps, there was no money, then, on the take.

My readers may know better why it's a nasty, shameful consequence.



## Ang tulay mo

by Billy Andal



### Romualdez speakership

President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s call for the resignation of his Cabinet is insufficient, as the real culprit remains in power—Martin Romualdez, whose greed is exemplified by billions of pesos in insertion funds in the General Appropriations Act of 2025. This money, which could have been allocated to public-benefiting projects, has instead been funneled to those who do his bidding.

The more important question in everyone's mind: "Will the President do the same mistake twice by letting him stay?"

Pressure on elected Congressmen nationwide extends beyond the Speaker's office. Even the party-list of his wife, Yeda, Tingog, has benefited from the Speaker's greed. Today, hundreds of Tingog offices exist, as lawmakers were compelled to establish them for the self-serving couple, without any financial contribution from them. Tingog secured 3 seats in the last elections, while their support came at the expense of many re-electionists who lost their seats in the House.

Decisions made by Romualdez were glaringly harmful to the Administration with his push of the impeachment case of VP Sara Duterte.

Motivated by personal am-

bitation to become President, he stubbornly contradicted PBBM's position against the impeachment case versus the VP.

Due to Romualdez' actions, the President and Vice President are bitterly split and the strong Unity Team gone into ashes.

This schism proved pivotal in the results of the recently concluded elections that saw only six of senatorial bets endorsed by the Administration got into the Magic 12.

Romualdez, sad to say, was the root of the Alyansa ng Bagong Pilipinas debacle, generated massive trust loss in the Marcos, Jr. Administration, which is reflected in how Juan de la Cruz voted.

The President then asked for a major facelift for his administration — calling for the courtesy resignation of his

Cabinet Secretaries and all his and FPRRD, and other Presidential appointees.

Being among the most prolific faces of the Administration, a change in the House Speakership will certainly bode well for the Marcos presidency with Romualdez being among the biggest face of the infighting within the government

Romualdez surrounds himself with so-called friends like Jj Suarez of Quezon Province who now brags of a supermajority support for the current Speaker, but this is a hoax.

Lawmakers are frustrated, disgruntled, and disappointed. They asked the question: "How could the President allow a cold, selfish, and egotistical maniac to lead the House?"

In December, based on insider information he was expected to be ousted, but the Tacloban, Leyte solon pleaded to be allowed to depart with dignity after the midterm elections. Just two days after the elections, driven by greed and a hunger for power, Romualdez has begun collecting signatures to ensure the perpetuation as Speaker. The Speakership is now an open arena for good men and women in the House. MR acts are deemed a continuation of his corrupt scheme to siphon taxpayer money bullying lawmakers, Cabinet secretaries and everyone who dares go against his will.

The more important question in everyone's mind, of the thinking Filipinos, "will the President do the same mistake twice by letting him stay?" Obviously, to save this country from wreckage, from the crisis brought about by the Speaker, there is no other better and rational option.

By the way, its fiesta again at the DPWH with the re-appointment of Sec Manuel Bonoan.

## Voices and Views

By MGen Delfin Lorenzana (Ret)

### Finally, a possible path to reconciliation

sion of the house.

The result was 18-5 in favor of remanding the case back to the HOR with two key orders. First,

the HOR to respond to the issue of whether the one-year impeachment rule under the Constitution was violated. Second, to affirm the articles of impeachment in the 20th Congress.

Immediately the social media erupted with various comments from practically everyone that has been following the Senate proceedings: netizens and experts alike. Some said that the actioin of the Senate Impeachment Court, the impeachment is dead. That it will not cross over to the 20th Congress. But others said it will.

The HOR prosecution panel, however, were delighted because according to them the Senate's act of sending summons to the VP means it has taken cognizant of the case. And because of this, they argue that no one can stop the impeachment trial from crossing over to the 20th Congress and for the trial to proceed until judgment by the Impeachment Court is promulgated.

Everyone is gearing up for a "bloody" court fight starting July. And this will be a contentious, emotional and acrimonious court case with the accompanying hype, drama and propaganda.

Does this exercise ben-

efit the Filipino people? In fact, this impeachment trial has been sapping the strength and vitality of the nation. It has effectively relegated to the background the shortcomings of the government in addressing the needs of the people. Whether this is the object or just the collateral damage the fact remains the people are the ultimate losers here.

But what if we look at the remanding in another lens, another perspective? What if this is in fact a providential act paving a path to reconciliation? What if PBBM is being given a golden opportunity to stop this impeachment once and for all. Because we know that this is just a plot to remove the VP and make her irrelevant before the 2028 election. Maybe it's time for PBBM to use its bully pulpit power to dissuade the HOR to stop it.

And after succeeding in stopping the impeachment for good, PBBM could start the process of bringing PRRD back from the Hague to the Philippines where he could be tried for alleged crimes committed. This will be real reconciliation. The country is beset with so many pressing problems. Let us henceforth heal this pestering division and focus all our energies to serving the needs of the people and not spend resources and time in this divisive and acrimonious impeachment.





PRICE HIKE. A gasoline station attendant fills up a motorcycle fuel tank in Paco, Manila on Tuesday (June 17, 2025). Gasoline and diesel prices increased by PHP1.80 per liter and kerosene by PHP1.50 per liter, and may increase further next week, according to the Department of Energy. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

## Big-time fuel price hike seen next week

MANILA – Prices of petroleum products may increase by nearly PHP5 per liter next week, a Department of Energy (DOE) official said Friday.

In a Bagong Pilipinas interview, DOE – Oil Industry Management Bureau (DOE-OIMB) Director Rino Abad said the increases will range from PHP2.50 to PHP3.00 per liter for gasoline, PHP4.30 to PHP4.80 per liter for diesel, and PHP4.25 to PHP4.40 per liter for kerosene.

“Bunsod iyan ng tumaas na almost average of 4 US dollars per barrel doon sa gasolina, diesel at kerosene (That is due to an increase of almost an average of USD4 per barrel in gasoline, diesel and kerosene),” Abad said.

The world price of crude oil increased to USD86.6 per barrel on Thursday from USD83 on Monday.

“Unfortunately, for next week,

iyong apat na trading days ngayon, Monday to Thursday, mayroon na ho tayong pag-i-increase na aabot ho ng (the four trading days now, Monday to Thursday, we already have an increase of) almost PHP3 pesos per liter for gasoline and more than PHP4 pesos for diesel and kerosene,” Abad said.

While the Philippines does not import oil directly from Iran, which is currently locked in an armed conflict with Israel, he said suppliers may be getting their oil from the said country.

The agency monitors the country’s refiners and direct importers on a weekly basis to check any report of supply disruption.

“Last week, may nakausap po

tayo specifically iyong Petron, iyong Unioil for example, wala po ngayong narereport sa kanila (we spoke with Petron, Unioil for example, nothing was reported them),” Abad said

“Ngayong araw nagka-usap din tayo sa LPG sector naman, wala hong reported na angulo or situation na na-i-experience nila na mayroong supply disruption (We spoke with the liquefied petroleum gas sector today and no supply disruption was reported),” he added.

Abad assured the public that the DOE will continue to meet with individual oil companies Wednesday to Friday next week to discuss the inventory and discount program. (PNA)

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## DICT platforms earn twin recognitions at GovMedia 2025

MANILA – The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) received two awards from GovMedia 2025, an institution that recognizes outstanding government projects in Asia.

The agency bagged the Digital Transformation of the Year for its eGovDX platform and the E-Governance Project of the Year for the eGovPH Super App at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore on Thursday.

“These projects stem from President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s marching order to streamline government services by automating essential processes,” Secretary Henry Rhoel Aguda said in a news release over the weekend.

“They manifest our people’s world-class talent that is geared to serve the interest of the Filipinos, especially in the underserved areas. It is a testament to Filipinos’ sheer ingenuity.”

The eGovDX integrates government platforms to enable secure data sharing across agencies. To date, it has recorded more than 480 million transactions across 1,000 government systems.

The eGovPH Super App, meanwhile, is a one-stop digital platform that allows Filipinos to conveniently access government services whenever they need it and wherever they are.

The innovation marks a great stride for the administration’s intent to simplify bureaucratic processes and empower the people, especially small business owners, to avail of government services at the comfort of their homes.

“Our efforts are meant to curb red tape, avoid delays and make services easily accessible to our kababayan (compatriots) in the digital age,” Aguda also said. “Hindi na pipila ng mahaba, hindi na ma-iinitan. Kahit nasa



bahay, pagseserbisyon ka ng gobyerno (No need to queue up or be exposed to the elements. Even while at home, the government will serve them).”

The DICT underscores that expanding digital platforms and strengthening connectivity, through digital platforms like eGovDX and eGovPH, are vital to bridging the gap between the government and its citizens, especially in remote areas.

“This is the essence of Digital Bayanihan. Under President Marcos’ Bagong Pilipinas

## DA chief: Isabela farmers back calls to restore NFA’s powers



RESTORE NFA POWERS. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. (center, standing) during a meeting with Isabela farmers on Friday (June 20, 2025) in Roxas, Isabela province. The meeting was aimed to know the farmers’ concerns and discuss ongoing initiatives to help stakeholders in the agriculture sector. (Photo courtesy photo by Jay Morales)

MANILA – Farmers from some of the country’s major rice-producing areas backed calls to restore the regulatory functions of the National Food Authority (NFA), Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said Friday.

Tiu Laurel said Isabela farmers also favor the amendment of the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL) to grant NFA the powers to help protect them from unscrupulous traders and perform market intervention through rice sale when necessary.

“Talagang concern iyong RTL. Kailangan talaga ma-amyendahan (RTL is really a concern. It needs to be amended),” he told journalists at the sidelines of his inspection of an NFA warehouse in Roxas, Isabela.

“At galing na rin sa mga farmers natin dito na talagang gusto nilang ma-amyendahan iyan

para mapaganda ang takbo ng rice industry natin (According to our farmers here, they want it amended to help improve our rice industry).”

Tiu Laurel earlier said restoring NFA powers under the RTL is crucial in coming up with the floor price for palay (unhusked rice).

The floor price, which refers to a state-imposed minimum price for goods or services, should at least cover the production cost of farmers.

The estimated production cost of palay ranges between PHP12/kg to PHP14/kg, according to the DA. This is higher than the PHP10 per kg. that farmers reported as traders’ buying price in some areas in the country at the tail-end of the harvest season.

With regulatory powers in place, the NFA may secure a

registry of both farmers and traders which will help monitor palay procurement prices.

Other countries like India, Thailand, and Indonesia, among others, have been implementing floor prices of palay for traders.

Tiu Laurel also assured to address those who are using the government’s “Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na” as an excuse for granting reasonable buying prices.

“Sinabi ko rin sa ating mga farmers na kakausapin namin next week iyong mga traders sa rice mills na huwag gamitin iyong PHP20 na programa para baratin nila ang ating mga farmer (I also told the farmers that we will talk with rice traders next week to prevent them from using the PHP20 rice program to take advantage of our farmers),” he added. (PNA)



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## Public urged to join environmental conservation causes



As more travelers discover the stunning landscapes and biodiversity of Quezon islands, the Department of Tourism (DOT) Calabarzon and local governments urge the public to become guardians of nature and ensure that the region’s natural wonders are preserved for future generations.

During the 2025 Heritage Cruise Expedition, which showcases the region’s eco-tourism and cultural gems to both local and international travelers, DOT CALABARZON Regional Director Marites Castro emphasized the importance of balancing tourism with conservation. “The DOT, as chair of eco-tourism, really wants our environment to be sustainable, our environment to be cared for. Quezon has immense natural treasures, from our coral-rich waters and untouched islands to our sacred mountains and ancestral sites, but all of this can be lost if we do not act responsibly,” Castro said.

The Heritage Cruise participants, which include nature enthusiasts, conservationists, and media practitioners from various countries, were reminded of their role in promoting responsible travel as



they visited the Tinagong Pantay Cave, which is home to a rich ecosystem and a variety of wildlife species thriving within and around the cave’s chambers. Tour participants immersed themselves in the vibrant marine life and rich cultural heritage of Anilon Island in Burdeos, home to diverse fish species and clear turquoise waters that reveal colorful coral reefs. Among the activities offered to tourists are eco-friendly snorkeling and kayaking experiences to get up close to the natural beauty of the island. Burdeos Mayor Freddie Arman then reminded locals to join the cause in community-driven conservation efforts, as he emphasized the importance of maintaining

the island’s natural charm and cleanliness to further boost its tourism appeal. “To my fellow Burdeoseños, let us continue working together to improve our island, keeping it clean, organized, and welcoming, so that more tourists will be encouraged to return and experience the beauty of our home,” he said. The tourism department and local governments in the area plan to open more eco-guides, promote green practices, and implement community-led monitoring programs at tourism destinations. As the 2025 Heritage Cruise continues, the organizers hope that the spotlight on Quezon’s natural wonders will also serve as a rallying call for environmental protection — not just in the province, but throughout the country. (AM/PIA 4A)

## LINIS DALAMPASIGAN

Bilang pagdiriwang ng Longweek Celebration ng Regada 2025 nagkaroon ng Linis Dalampasigan na pinangunahan ni Mayor Denver Reyes Chua na isinagawa sa Barangay 30 Bid-bid sa Cavite City. Layunin ng Regada Water Festival ang pagbibigay kaalaman sa kahalagahan ng kalinisan at pangangalaga sa ating kapaligiran lalo na sa ating Lungsod. Abangan pa ang maraming mga activities sa isang Linggong selebrasyon ng Regada Water Festival sa Cavite City.



## PBBM visits PH Pavilion at World Expo 2025 in Osaka

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday visited the Philippine Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan. Marcos’ visit came nearly two months after Japanese Prime Minister Ishiba Shigeru invited him to attend this year’s expo during their meeting at Malacañan on April 29.

Accompanied by First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos, the President had an immersive journey inside the pavilion through artificial intelligence (AI)-powered screens that featured the Philippines’ rich and vibrant heritage, biodiversity, and creativity.



CROWD-DRAWER. The Philippine Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan has welcomed 372,611 visitors as of June 19, 2025. The booth features a breathtaking facade of 212 handwoven fabrics representing the regions of the Philippines. (Photo courtesy of Tourism Promotions Board-Philippines)

celebrates Filipino craftsmanship and gastronomy through the Habi (Weave) Gift Shop and the Hain (Serve) Take-out Counter, encouraging global connections and promoting tourism, trade and cultural exchange.

“This is a demonstration of his vision coming to fruition. At the beginning of his administration, he expressed a desire for the Philippines to be re-introduced to the world, not only from the strength of our beaches, our diving, and our mountain destinations, which have been well known all over the world but also importantly, from the strength of the Filipino identity,” Frasco said. “The Philippine Pavilion is a demonstration of that proud identity that is so unique in the sense that the diversity that pervades our regions is so rich. We have made the effort to feature all the regions of the Philip-

pies from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, not just to highlight our physical assets, but also, importantly, the work of our local communities,” she added.

Japan Pavilion Marcos also visited the circular structure of the Japan Pavilion that carries the theme “Between Lives.” Embodying the cycle of life, the Japan Pavilion features a biogas power generation using food waste from the Expo site and other cutting-edge Japanese carbon recycling technologies to create a cyclical loop and inspire visitors to adopt sustainable behaviors for a sustainable society. The Japan Pavilion’s distinguishing feature is a great circle of innumerable wooden planks that visitors can peer in between to catch a glimpse of the interior, connecting the outer and the inner, through exhibits and architecture. (PNA)

## HEALTH TIPS

### Pagkain sa Utak at Memorya Payo ni Doc Willie Ong

1. Matatabang isda, mani at olive oil. Ang pagkain ng matatabang isda gaya ng sardinang, tuna, tamban, mackerel at salmon ay maaaring mapanatili ang ating memorya. Ang omega-3 fatty acids ay matatagpuan sa matatabang isda.

2. Berdeng gulay, broccoli, kangkong, spinach, kamote, strawberry at iba pang pagkain na mayaman sa Vitamin C at E. Ang mga pagkain na naglalaman ng antioxidant ay makatutulong sa paglaban sa free radicals na maaaring sumira sa ating utak. Natuklasan na ang

mga pagkaing mayaman sa Vitamin C at Vitamin E ay posibleng mabawasan ang panganib ng Alzheimer’s disease.

3. Pagkaing mataas sa flavonoids tulad ng tea, mansanas, orange, suha, repolyo, bawang, sibuyas, kamatis, peas at beans. Natuklasan sa isang pag-aaral na ang pag-kain ng prutas at gulay ay makababawas sa pagkasira ng utak at pagka-ulyanin.

4. Curry powder at turmeric. Isang pangunahing sangkap ng curry powder ay turmeric na naglalaman ng curcumin. Sa pag-aaral, natuklasan na ang curcumin ay isang

mabisang anti-oxidant at anti-inflammatory. May pag-aaral na nagsasabi na posibleng mas gumana ang utak kapag madalas kumain nito.

Tandaan: Bawasan ang mga pagkaing mataas sa saturated fat, trans fat at cholesterol tulad ng taba ng karne, margarine at processed foods. Ang mga pagkaing mayaman sa asukal ay maaaring makadagdag sa panganib ng type 2 diabetes, isang kondisyon na maaaring magpalaki ng apat na beses ng panganib sa sakit na Alzheimer’s disease.



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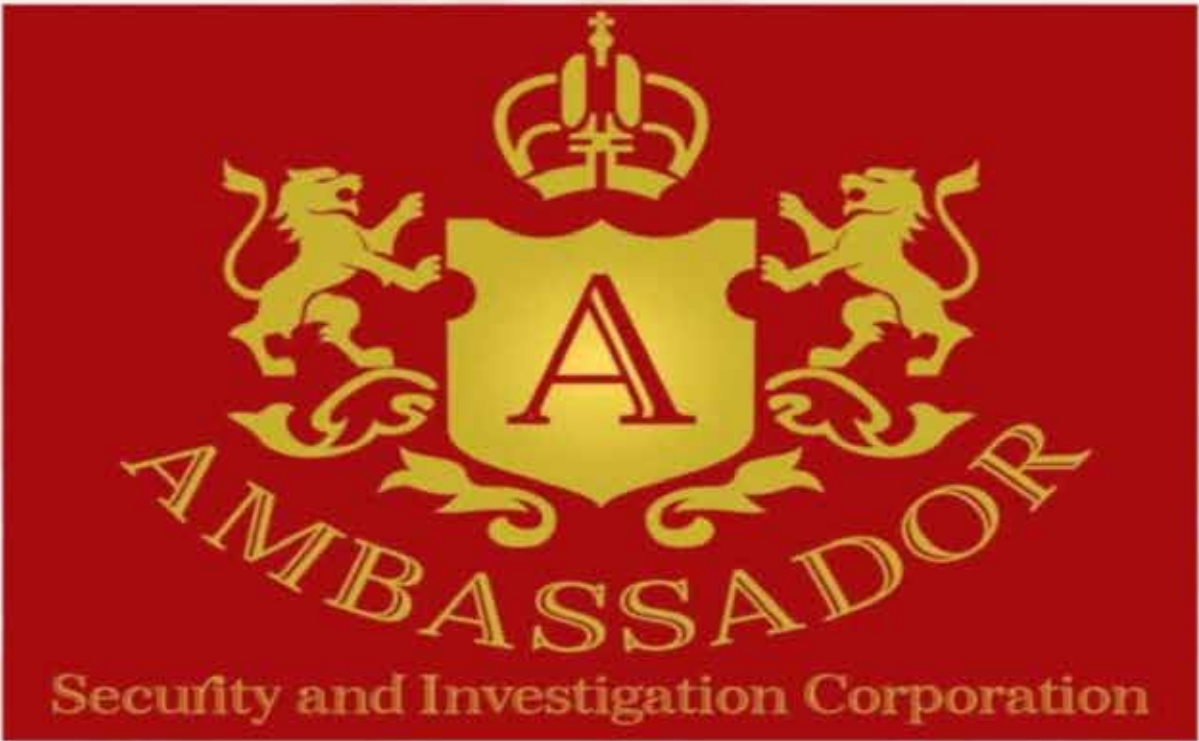
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