### NFA to rice farmers in C. Luzon: Expect 'good news' next week

MANILA – The National Food Authority (NFA) on Friday said there will be "good news" to be announced next week that will benefit local rice farmers in Central Luzon.

"There will be some good news next week. I'll inspect perhaps over this weekend, making sure everything is okay before next week," NFA Administrator Larry

News Agency in a phone interview.

Farmers in Bulacan

Lacson told the Philippine have been requesting the NFA to resume its palay (unhusked rice) procurement amid the low prices being

offered by traders in the province. To help the farmers with the remaining harvest, Lacson said he TURN TO PAGE 3

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# 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na' program gains public support in Cavite

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The initial rollout of the 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na'initiative in Dasmariñas City, Cavite has received public support as members of the vulnerable sectors welcome the government's efforts to ensure rice accessibility and food security.

Vilma Menezes was one of the first senior citizens who waited outside the covered court at Barangay Salitran III.

Her breakfast in hand, Vilma did not mind waiting for an hour outside of the covered court. In fact, she was the first to stand up when the caretaker opened the gates that divided her and the other residents from the big sacks of rice to be sold on Friday, May 16.

Vilma was one of the many residents who availed of the P20 Rice Program, purchasing 10 kilos of rice-enough to feed her family of five when combined with the rice her bedridden husband also bought.

"I left my husband at home to buy rice. I am very thankful to the organizers. I hope that there will be more [P20 rice programs] where we can buy [affordable]

Dubbed 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na', the P20 rice program is part of the Marcos Jr. administration's bid to make rice more affordable especially to the vulnerable sector, including senior citizens, Persons With Disability (PWD), and pregnant moth-

Jennifer Ibayan, City Agriculturist, said they were prepared to cater to the senior citizens who needed more assistance.

"Barangay Salitran 3 is just a sample where a lot of residents wanted to avail the P20 rice. We are expecting to make stops at other barangays in the coming weeks, if we have rice to sell." Raul Valles, barangay captain of Barangay Salitran III, said there are more than 2,500 residents who are part of the vulnerable sector in their community: of which 2,000 are senior citizens, more than 100 solo parents, and more than 400 PWDs.

Valles, over the microphone, announced that they will prioritize their residents and will cater other barangays once they are sure that his kabarangays have bought rice for their families.



2,000 senior citizens in our barangay alone. I think we would not be able to cater to everyone if we will also cater to those from other barangays," Valles admitted.

influx of residents who will buy the P20 rice, barangay peacekeepers to keep the lines organized. Barangay Health Workers and emer-

prepared for the expected were also on standby in case around this place." senior citizens needed their assistance.

"Our lupong tagapamayapa, our medics, BHWs, and tanod are on standby outside to as-

"There are already more than Barangay Salitran III has gency medical personnel sist in managing the traffic flow

According to the City Agriculturist Office, Barangay Salitran 3 was the first among the many barangays in the city to host the P20 Rice Program. (PB/PIA4A)

### Camille Villar open to Senate probe into Prime Water

MANILA - Newly proclaimed senator Camille Villar said she will support a legislative inquiry into the family-owned PrimeWater Infrastructure Corp., which is beset by multiple complaints over reported service disruptions in various parts of the country.

"As I have said prior to elections, kung iyan ang ginusto ng mayorya ng tao ay wini-welcome natin iyan (if that is what the majority wants we welcome it)," Villar, the youngest senator at 40, said after her proclamation at The Manila Hotel Tent City on Sat-

The Bayan Muna Party-list and consumers have filed a formal

complaint before Malacañang, calling for the cancellation of all joint venture agreements between the private water utility firm and local water districts around the country, citing widespread service failures and legal

Congress was also urged to look into the firm's frequent water interruptions in various areas, including the City of San Jose del Monte in Bulacan, Bacolod City in Negros Occidental, and the provinces of Quezon, Cavite, and Bukidnon.

On top of supporting a probe into PrimeWater, Villar said she would push for legislative measures that would help create is the topnotcher with over more jobs, overseas Filipino workers and labor-intensive industries, among others.

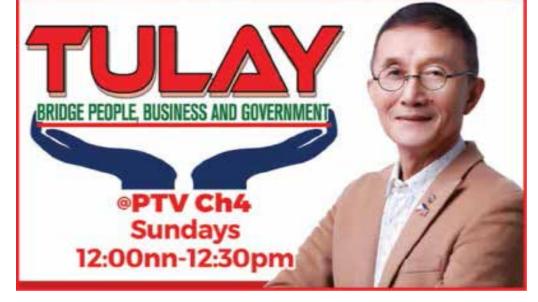
Villar is one of six winning senators of the administration-backed Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas coalition. The others are Erwin Tulfo, Panfilo Lacson, Vicente Sotto III, and reelected Senator Lito Lapid and Senator Pia Cay-

An older brother, Mark Villar, is also an incumbent senator until 2028.

The other winners are incumbents Senator Bong Go, who 27 million votes, Senator

Ronald Dela Rosa, and Senator Imee Marcos; and Bam Rodante Marcoleta. (PNA)

Aquino, Francis Pangilinan and







#### MATAGUMPAY NA "STRIKE FAMILY DAY" NAGHATID NG LIGAYA SA MGA RESIDENTE NG MOLINO 3

Bacoor City, Mayo 24, 2025 – Isang matagumpay na Strike Family Day ang ginanap sa covered court ng Camella Springville Central Phase 3 Homeowners Association (HOA), Brgy. Molino 3. Pinangunahan ito nina Mayor Strike B. Revilla kasama sina Konsehal-elect Horacio Brillantes, Pres. Eugene Tan at ang mga miyembro ng Lupon ng HOA, Pres. Tim Ampil, at Pres. Jho Lagrata. Ang masayang pagtitipon ay nagdulot ng saya sa mga residente ng Molino 3, sa pakikipagtulungan ng mga grupo ng Triskelion, mga tanggapan ng City Government, at FLAG.

Nag-enjoy ang mga residente, bata man o matanda, sa mga libreng serbisyo tulad ng gupit, masahe, pagkain, inflatable games, photo booth, at videoke challenge. Isang malaking pasasalamat sa mga NGOs at Strike Bacoor Rainbow Community na tumulong sa LGU

Ipinapakita ng Strike Family Day ang dedikasyon ng pamahalaang lungsod sa pagbibigay ng mga masasayang aktibidad para sa mga mamamayan ng Bacoor, lalo na tuwing weekend.



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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, In its capacity as assignee-mortgagee of PNB Savings Bank.

Mortgagee / Creditor,

File No. FC-DC-1714-25
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act
No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118

CYREL B. LABRADOR,

-versus-

Debtor / Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, with postal address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City against the debtor / mortgagor, CYREL B. LABRADOR, with postal address at Block 3 Lot 66, Teachers Village, G.M.A., Cavite; Blk. 3 Lot 134, Phase 3A, Greenwood Heights, Greenwood Subdivision, Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 31 March 2025 amounts to FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUN-DRED FIFTY ONE PESOS & 94/100 (Php 4,664,451.94), exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on July 18, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol 2, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017011534

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Barangay of Paliparan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 134, Blk 3 of the cons. subd. plan PCS-04-016424, being a portion of Lots 1-20, Blk. 1-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 2-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 3-B, Lots 1-28, Blk. 4-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 5-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 6-B, Lots 1-14, Blk. 7-B, Lots 1-21, Blk. 8-B, Lots 1-12, Blk. 9-B, Lots 1-12, Blk. 10-B, Lots 1-39, Blk. 11-B, Lots 1-10, Blk. 14-B, Lots 1-B, Blk. 15-B, Lots 1-17, Blk. 16-B, Blk. 35-B, Blk. 37-B & Road Lots 1-8 to 15-B, all of PCS-04-012474, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. of Paliparan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 121, Blk. 3 of the cons./ subd. plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by existing road; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 135 Blk. 3 of the cons./subd. plan; on the SW., along line 4-5 by Road Lot 16 (8.00 m. wide); along line 5-1 by Lot 133 Blk. 3 of the cons.subd. plan. Beginning at point marked "1" on plan being N. 33 Deg. 45'E., 457.53 m. from MON. No. 79, Cavite; Thence N. 70 Deg. 37'E., 11.39 m. to point 2; thence S. 23 Deg. 59'E., 14.05 m. to point 3; thence S. 70 Deg. 37'W., 6.86 m. to point 4; thence N. 64 Deg. 23'W., 8.00 m. to point 5; thence N. 19 Deg. 23'W., 8.34 m. to the point of beginning, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (151) SQ. METERS.

All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS 15x40 cm; Bearings true; Date of original survey July 27, 1905 – June 11, 1908 and that of the cons./ subd. survey, May 8-18, 2000 and was approved Dec. 11, 2000.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovestated time and date

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on August 1, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, May 8, 2025.

(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS Sheriff IV

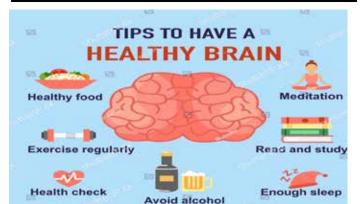
(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished: PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK

PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City

CYREL B. LABRADOR Block 3 Lot 66, Teachers Village, G.M.A., Cavite; Blk. 3 Lot 134, Phase 3A, Greenwood Heights, Greenwood Subdivision, Brgy. Paliparan 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite

Date: May 12, May 19 & May 26, 2025



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EJF NO. TG-25-032 FOR: Application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage [Under Act No. 3135, As amended]

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee,

-versus-SPOUSES EMILIO V. FERRER AND VIOLETA M. FERRER, Debtors/Mortgagors,

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act. No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage Loan Agreement executed and notarized on February 19, 2016, by Debtors/Mortgagors, SPS. EMILIO V. FERRER AND VIOLETA M. FERRER, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal address/es at: (1) Unit 401 Carreon Bldg., #2746 Zenaida St., Brgy. Poblacion, Makati City; and (2) Lot 6 Southridge Ave., Tagaytay Southridge Estates, Brgy. Sungay West, Tagaytay City, 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. 076-2016000497 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtors/Mortgagors in the amount of TWELVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE PESOS and 95/100 (Php12,259,503.95), as of January 21, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on AUGUST 5, 2025 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. 076-2016000497 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY SUNGAY, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN PSD-042119-064639, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS AS SHOWN ON PLAN PCS-042119-000672, L.R.C. RECORD NO. ), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY SUNGAY, CITY OF TAGAYTAY. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5 OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 1 (20.00  $\,$ M. WIDE) (LRC) PSD-26988; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 7; & ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 17 BOTH OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 53 DEG. 48'E., 3631.96 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE; THENCE N. 72 DEG. 56'E., 22.96 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 17 DEG. 10'E., 14.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 72 DEG. 58'W., 23.45 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 15 DEG. 09'W., 14.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CON-TAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (325) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICAT-ED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CM.; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, MAY 25-27, 1981, JAN. 28-30, MARCH 1989 & THAT OF THE SUBDIVISION SURVEY, JUNE 5-6, 1993 AND WAS APPROVED ON JULY 26, 1993is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: SPOUSES EMILIO VALLADOLID FERRER AND VIOLETA MANALO FERRER, FILIPINOS Address: UNIT 401 CARREON BLDG. 2746 ZENAIDA ST., BRGY. POBLACION, MAKATI CITY" In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on AUGUST 12, 2025 without further notice. Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2016000497 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, April 30, 2025.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA

Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA Sheriff-in-Charge

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,

Mortgagee 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS. EMILIO V. FERRER AND VIOLETA M. FERRER Debtors/Mortgagor

(1) Unit 401 Carreon Bldg., #2746 Zenaida St., Brgy. Poblacion,

Makati City
(2) Lot 6 Southridge Ave., Tagaytay Southridge Estates, Brgy. Sun-

(2) Lot 6 Southridge Ave., Tagaytay Southridge Estates, Brgy. Sungay West, Tagaytay City, Cavite

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Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

EJF NO. TG-25-015 FOR: Application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage [Under Act No. 3135, as Amended]

BDO LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, INC., as Assignee-In-Interest of BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc.,

Mortgagee-Assignee,

-versus-MARIA CORAZON ARUCAN EVANS AND GLENN NEWELL EVANS, Debtors/Mortgagors,

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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-Assignee, BDO LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, INC., (as Assignee-In-Interest of BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc.), a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at 39th Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Ave., Mandaluyong City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on January 28, 2020 by Debtors/Mortgagors, MARIA CORAZON ARUCAN EVANS AND GLENN NEWELL EVANS, all legal age, US citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Unit 803 8F Tower 2 Serin West Tagaytay, Brgy. Bagong Silang, Crossing East, Tagaytay City; (2) #39 Gen. San Miguel St., Sangandaan, 1408, Caloocan and (3) 8901 58th Drive, North East Marysville, Washington D.C., USA 98270, represented by RAFEL BERTOL ARUCAN as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on February 25. 2017, in favor of BDO LEASING AND FINANCE INC., which has assigned all its rights, title and interests in the receivables, including its corresponding collateral, to herein Mortgagee-Assignee, by virtue of a Deed of Assignment without Recourse executed and notarized on August 14, 2020, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by CONDOMINIUM CERTIFI-CATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019000344 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtors/Mortgagors in the amount of EIGHT MILLION FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN PESOS AND 59/100 (Php8,045,357.59), as of January 14, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on July 10, 2025 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:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019000344 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

FLOOR: 8 UNIT CALL OUT: 803 UNIT TYPE: 1 BEDROOM

UNIT AREA: 40.20 SQUARE METERS BALCONY AREA:

TOTAL AREA: 40.20 SQUARE METERS

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012005377 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SILANG, CROSSING EAST, TAGAYTAY CITY with an area of TEN THOUSAND (10,000) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: MARIA CORAZON ARUCAN EVANS MARRIED TO GLENN NEWELL EVANS, US CITIZENS

Address: 8901~58 TH~DRIVE,~NORTH~EAST~MARYSVILLE,~WASH-INGTON~D.C.,~USA~98270

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on July 17, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019000344 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, May 6, 2025.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff

OLIVER N. MENDOZA Sheriff-In-Charge

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(as Assignee-In-Interest of BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc.)

Mortgagee-Assignee

39th Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City
MARIA CORAZON ARUCAN EVANS AND GLENN NEWELL EVANS

Debtors/Mortgagors
(1) Unit 803 8F Tower 2 Serin West Tagaytay, Brgy. Bagong Silang,

Crossing East, Tagaytay City;

(2) #39 Gen. San Miguel St., Sangandaan, 1408, Caloocan (3) 8901 58th Drive, North East Marysville, Washington D.C., USA

RAFEL BERTOL ARUCAN Attorney-In-Fact of the Debtors/Mortgagors No. 39 Gen. San Miguel St., Sangandaan 1408, Caloocan

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LOIDA P. TINAY,

Petitioner,

Civil Case No. 6862-18 or: Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

MARVIN S. TINAY,

-versus-

Respondent.

DECISION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, judgment is hereby rendered:

(1) DECLARING the marriage between the petitioner, Loida P. Tinay, and the respondent, Marvin S. Tinay, held on December 13, 2003, and registered under Registry No. 2004-199, of the Local Civil Registrar of Parañaque City, Metro Manila, VOID AB INITIO, with all the effects provided by law;

(2) DECLARING their present property relations dissolved; and

(3) ORDERING the Local Civil Registrar of Parañaque City, Metro Manila, to cancel the Certificate of Marriage between the parties, dated December 13, 2003, appearing in Registry No. 2004-199 and to register and enter this Decision in accordance with the law.

Considering that the respondent who was summoned by publication failed to appear in this action, pursuant to Section 19, A.M. No. 02-11-10-SC, the petitioner is ordered to publish the dispositive part of this Decision once in a newspaper of general circulation, as may be chosen by raffle.

In the event that no appeal is filed in this case, the Branch Clerk of Court is directed to issue an Entry of Judgment upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day reglementary period.

Thereafter, the petitioner is directed to submit certified true copies of this Decision and the Entry of Judgment to the Civil Registry of Parañaque City, Metro Manila, where their marriage was registered, to the Civil Registry of Imus City, Cavite, where this Family Court is located, and to the Philippine Statistics Authority, after which, the Court would issue the Decree which should likewise be registered with the aforementioned offices

The petitioner should report to the Court her compliance with this requirement within thirty (30) days from receipt of the copy of the Decree of Declaration of Nullity of Marriage.

SO ORDERED. Imus City, Cavite, April 4, 2025.

ADELIZA H. MAGNO-GINGOYON
Presiding Judge

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#### TOYOTA GAZOO RACING PH CUP RACE WEEKEND 2 THRILLS VILLAR CITY

Villar City, May 24, 2025 – The Toyota Gazoo Racing PH Cup Race Weekend 2 roared into action today in Villar City, delivering a weekend of high-octane excitement. Organized by the TMP Group, the event attracted a large crowd of other guests, participants, and racing enthusiasts, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

The opening ceremony welcomed several distinguished guests, including Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Senator Mark Villar, Dr. David Go (Vice Chairman, TMP), Mr. Carlo Ablaza (President, Lexus Manila), Ms. Ma Cristina Arevalo (President, TMPH), Dennis Escuro (Senior VP, Compt Div, TMP), and Mr. Jeffrey Matsuo (Vice President, TMP). The event was sanctioned by the Automobile Association Philippines (AAP) and supported by Petron, GT Radial, Seiko, Prospex, Turson Racing School, Toyota Financial Services, my Toyota wallet, Kinto One, AVT, 3M, Crystalline, DENSO, Rota, and PIAA.

The two-day event boasts street racing, drag racing, driving exhibitions, a car club meet, and musical performances, culminating in a free afternoon concert. The Toyota Gazoo Racing PH Cup Race Weekend 2 promises an unforgettable spectacle for motorsport enthusiasts and the broader community.



POLL DUTY. Blasito Guanzon, Board of Elections chairperson, checks his voter receipt during the final testing and sealing of the automated counting machine at Sibalom Central Elementary School in Antique province on May 7, 2025. Commission on Elections Chairperson George Garcia said on Friday (May 23) that 98.4 percent of the honoraria for individuals who served in the May 12 midterm elections have already been distributed.

## Payment of election honoraria complete by May 23 – Comelec

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) was expected to fully settle on Friday the payment of the honoraria of those who served in the May 12 midterm elections.

Comelec Chairperson George Garcia said they are already 98 percent complete in paying honoraria to Electoral Boards (EBs) members as of Thursday.

"We expect to have them completed by today (Friday) for the whole country," he said in an interview.

The payment, however, does not include the additional PHP1,000 granted to EB members after the elections.

"That will have to come a little later since it wasn't among those disbursed," Garcia assured the EB members.

"It is provided in the law that we must be able to give the honoraria not beyond 15 days after the elections," he added.

# NFA to rice farmers in C. Luzon: Expect 'good news' next week..from page I

has ordered the immediate disposal of 5,000 bags to free up warehouse spaces in San Ildefonso town.

"As we speak, and tomorrow, and itong weekend, lahat ng mga nakikipilang magsasaka hanggang 5,000 bags, maa-accommodate natin (until the weekend, we can accommodate all farmers lining up, up to 5,000 bags)," he said.

In a statement, the NFA said traders' buying prices went to as low as PHP11.50/kg., which was below the estimated farmers' production cost of PHP12/kg. to PHP14/kg.

Besides areas in Bulacan, Lacson also cited low buying prices in Tiaong, Quezon.

"Sabi ko, paki-feed-back sa atin at tingnan mabuti para at least makagawa tayo ng kahit paano pang paraan para makaibsan naman ng kaunti, makakuha pa tayo ng palay sa magsasaka (I said send us their feedback and look carefully into it for us to at least secure ways to help, for us to buy from farm-

ers)," Lacson said.

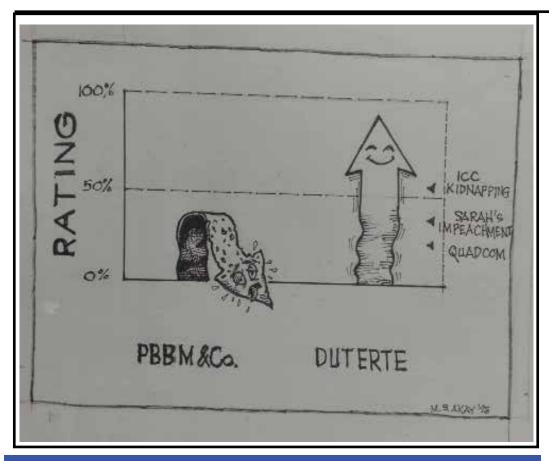
The Department of Agriculture is currently investigating unscrupulous traders in 32 locations in Luzon and Mindanao, with the lowest procurement price logged at PHP13.50/kg.

Some farmers, however, chose to store their harvest to wait for NFA to free up warehouse spaces.

Lacson said the ongoing modernization in NFA, including warehouse repairs, will help farmers in the long run.

"Kapag may mga natapustapos diyan, mahahabol pa natin iyong mga nasa magsasaka na pinilit nilang hindi muna ibenta sa mga traders kasi hinintay nilang lumuwag ang bodega ni NFA (Once it's completed, we can buy from farmers who opted not to sell their harvests to traders because they are waiting for the NFA)," he said.

The average buying price of NFA is set at PHP18/kg. of fresh palay and PHP24/kg. of clean and dry palay, much higher than traders' pricing.



### **EDITORIAL**

#### Give Ceasar what's due Ceasar

Historically, however, young this Republic is, there has never been as rude and politically biased House Committee appropriation that ever existed.

For almost a month, the Committee on Appropriation headed by Marikina district solon, in an apparent dirty conspiracy acted with patently malice questions. There is no better rationale for the behavior of these idiots than to malign and destroy the image of the Vice President, expose themselves on the media for political mileage to reelection considering that by next month, every power and greedy individuals will be filing their respective COC's raised direct somehow, unsavory and accusatory questions on the past funding appropriated to the OVP. This paper wont stop until the rich man realized its insensitivity with the Department of Finance's (DoF) raid on the PhilHealth fund. Being a critical, lifethreatening issue, it's a denial against the members right to their very own funds. Clearly, not giving Ceasar what's due Ceasar.

Despite the deluge of criticism and protests raging against DOF Secretary Ralph Recto' siphoning the P90-B healthcare funds, the rich man remained stubborn in his antipeople's health stand.

Every PhilHealth member are one in saying they deserve more than the usual financial benefits such as hospitalization, which they usually enjoy. Exactly, the members complain of mere one third of the hospital bill being covered by PhilHealth while there are more than enough excess funds which should be available to them when the need arise.

Now, the healthcare industry leaders coming from hospital owners, medical professionals and related sectors have come out in unison asking Sec Recto to halt future transfers of so-called PhilHealth "excess funds." As an insurance entity, PhilHealth, indeed, needs to maintain an adequate reserve and tapped to finance

improved health services for PhilHealth must use the funds in lies. Well, aside from indicathe members because the funds are theirs or owned by and of the membership.

It is wrong for Recto to claim that the excess funds belong to the government, it being a subsidy. Assuming, in layman's words that the so-called excess funds came from the government, it is for all intents and purposes PhilHealth's or it's members funds and no other executive departments like the DOF should dip their dirty fingers on the monies.

The healthcare associations already sent a letter to Recto signed by 71 representatives who stressed that PhilHealth funds must not be tapped by the government to cover for budget shortfalls. "We strongly believe that the solution to PhilHealth's inability to use its funds is not to strip Filipinos of healthcare funding but to implement immediate and substantial PhilHealth reforms such as increasing the scope and coverage of benefit pack-

They called it "unjust to take these funds for other purposes, because the healthcare financial need is a huge burden. Currently, around 44% of the usual hospital bill are shouldered through of out-of-pocket payments. Proof of the fact is there is so much financial inadequacies in PhilHealth's insurance system.

As I've previously written, patients and families cry for help and assistance, line up for hours and days at the DSWD, DOH, OVP, offices of the elected officials, especially members of the House and the Senate, for guaranty letters, so that they will be able to pay in full the pending hospital bill.

It's infuriating that while Recto admitted that PhilHealth has in hand about P500-B in reserve funds, he remained insensitive and stubborn in his stand to raid the funds in store at the health insurance agency. PhilHealth officials are equally inefficient, incompetent, insensitive and unresponsive to the severe need for expanding the financial needs of it's members. Not to be repetitive,

its disposal to fully serve the inadequacy of benefits that it currently provides.

Former DoF Undersecretary Cielo Magno, agrees with us that Recto should "not blur" the lines on expenditures for public health. The Universal Health Care Act requires that funds allocated to PhilHealth should only be used to either expand its nature of QuadCom, whose services or lower its premiums. Absolutely, pointing out that "there's nothing there that says the government, the executive branch, can take away the money of PhilHealth to finance other government projects."

We ask that the DoF Circular No. 003-2024, instructing GOCC's, to remit it's excess funds to the National Treasury be revised to exclude PhilHealth in the order.

Unless the DoF and PhilHealth officials reversed the situation. it's, indeed, a disservice and callousness on the health needs of have serious doubt. the Filipinos.

# Ang tulay mo

by Billy Andal



#### QuadCom's Waterloo

The House Quad Committee with its grandstanding Chair and Members have met it's waterloo. Despite, by their design, getting free mainstream and social media exposure, they were an ignominious failure in the recent elections.

Bienvenido Abante of Manila and Dan Fernandez of Laguna miserably lost in their respective runs. Had Paduano and Barbers run, this two shenanigans would have lost too. Super grandstanding Leftists Flores, Castro and Manuel, essentially, got zero in the taltions of stupidity whenever they slander the resource persons, the sense or huge question is that, who will vote for the Communists, anyway.

Obviously, the rejection of Abante and Fernandez, et al, will indicate that the electorate abhors the persecutory avowed objective is to destroy the popular and masssupported Duterte political camp and make big money from the crime. The Quad-Com, unless proven otherwise, was designed not to aid legislation but ill intent and destruction of their feared political enemies which are clear and potent obstacle to their dream of perpetuity in

But will the poor majority and few filthy rich Filipinos take a pro-evil stance with their votes, soon in 2028? I

What the next course of

this quack committee is, we do not know, considering the status of forces that will develop with new faces in, based on the official COMELEC tallies. There are reports of possible change in the hierarchy of the House with Reps Albee Benitez, Toby Tiangco and Angelo Marcos eyeing the speakership. Current Speaker Martin Romualdez, certainly would not take any and all attempt to unseat him more now, that it's a mere three years before the next Presidential derby. Although being a Speaker is no guarantee of a victory, he can use its huge tax money and the corrupt district reps to support his run.

The recently concluded electoral exercise indicates a better appreciation of the character or integrity of the winning bets belonging to the Duterte Camp. Re-electionist Mr. Malasakit Senator Bong Go along with 4 others took major votes too, namely former Senator Bam Aquino, re-electionist Bato de la Rosa and Rep Erwin Tulfo. Kuya Bong, as he is fondly called by the common folks garnered the most votes in our election history, having been elected with 27,121,073 who even surpassed what Sen Robin Padilla's 26,612 134 votes the latter got in 2019.

Kuya Bong admitted that this time, the campaign was extremely difficult for

him compared to his first run as Senator in 2019 midterm election because President Digong Duterte was around supporting him. This time, he was on his own and quite a huge challenge. But from how I observed him since elected a neophyte senator, he is the only one in the Senate who is always where there is need for assistance and where people need our officials. We see the Davaoeno senator in fire scenes, flood stricken areas, volcanic eruption and where there are calamities. Never observed anyone like him from one place, here and there in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Of course, the law creating Malasakit Center as an institution showed how concern he was on the health needs of our financially challenged patients and families confronting greedy hospital owners.

He was at the forefront of exposing the poor health insurance service provided for by PhilHealth, persistently call for improved benefits, decrying the sucking of the health insurance corporation funds for non-health purposes. He stressed the need to return the snatched fund and use it for an expansive health insurance coverage as mandated

Congratulations Senator Bong and to all those in the slate who won too our trust and confidence, wish him the mental and physical strength so that he and the rest may continue to serve us more. One attribute lacking with a lot others whose interests is mere power and their pockets.



#### **Voices and Views:** The conversation continues

By MGen Delfin Lorenzana (Ret)

### The P20/kilo rice (Un) **Fulfilled Promise**

Early in his administration PBBM promised to lower the price of rice to P20/kilo. The populace waited with bated breaths as rice is the staple food and constitute a major part of the daily food expense of the Filipino household.

On May 1st the Department of Agriculture finally rolled out this long-promised P20rice by the President. With much hoopla and hype this was finally done starting last May 2 thru the Kadiwa stores in Cebu. The LGUs in Cebu City and adjacent towns were likewise selling the P20 kilo rice subsidizing the P13 the difference from the market price of P33 pesos.

But immediately after it was started the COMELEC has cautioned that the scheme

cannot be done by LGUs as it violates the vote buying prohibition by the COME-LEC. The Kadiwa Centers, however, could continue to sell the P20 per kilo rice.

This was hailed by the administration as a "promise fulfilled". But it was also criticized by many that it was for election purposes only. Many asked why was it done in Visayas only?

And why near election day and in vote-rich Cebu? Are the other regions not deserving of cheap rice? VP Duterte says it is not fit for human consumption which was belied by the DA.

There were official reasons why this was done at this time. DA says it needs to sell its stockpile to make way for new importation. The DA Likewise says it has allocated P3.5 tov4.5B pesos for this roll out.

Economists were quick to comment that funding will be a huge challenge for this roll out. According to them the Bureau of Treasury showed a P103B peso deficit for the first 2 months of 2025. Last year the budget deficit was 1.5T pesos. They warned that subsidies will only worsen the government budget deficit.

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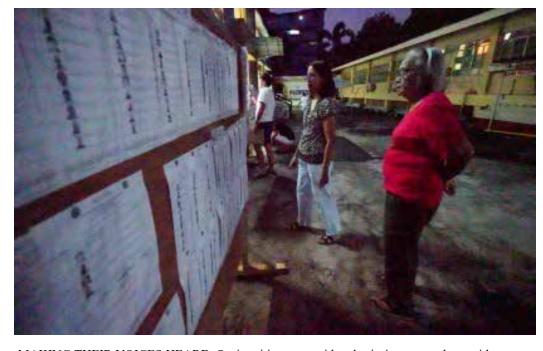


#### BLESSING OF NEWLY RENOVATED PAVILION, CLUBHOUSE, AND TODA OFFICE IN WOOD ESTATE VILLAGE 2

MOLINO 3, BACOOR CITY, MAY 24, 2025 - Wood Estate Village 2 in Molino 3, Bacoor City, today held a blessing ceremony for its newly renovated pavilion, clubhouse, and TODA office. The extensive improvements, primarily funded by Barangay Molino 3 under the leadership of Kapitan Jun Advincula, were made possible through the support of Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla. The event, organized collaboratively by Kapitan Jun Advincula and his council, along with President Lorenzo Sumulong and the village's Board of Directors, drew a notable gathering of officials and community members. In attendance were Mayor Revilla, Councilor-elect Horacio Brillantes, BM-

elect Alde Pagulayan, Pres. Roderick Arciaga 2nd District TODA Federation President, SK President Palm Angel Buncio, ABAKA President Edward Sabater, Sec. Kim Cortez, and Ms. Linda Lao, President of the Senior Citizens Association.

The upgraded facilities are a significant enhancement to the community, providing improved spaces for gatherings and essential services. The successful completion of this project reflects the collaborative efforts of the barangay government, the city government, and the residents of Wood Estate Village 2.



MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD. Senior citizens, considered priority voters along with persons with disabilities (PWDs) and pregnant women, check the voters' list at the Marcelo H. Del Elementary School in Quezon City on Monday (May 12, 2025). The Commission on Elections has allotted the 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. schedule to cast their votes. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

# Escudero calls for peaceful, equal, free polls

Francis Escudero on Monday called on Filipinos to honor the May 12 elections as a solemn expression of democracy, urging all voters to participate peacefully and candidates to respect the people's will.

"Ngayong ika-12 ng Mayo, gamitin po natin ang karapatang bumoto bilang patunay na tayo'y malayang mamamayan, bilang paggalang sa ating mga bayani na ipinaglaban ito (This May 12, let us exercise our right to vote as a testament to our freedom as citizens and as a tribute to the heroes who fought for it)," he said in a statement.

Escudero emphasized that on election day, all citizens -- regardless of wealth, power, education, or background -- stand as equals, with one vote each to shape the country's future.

He likewise appealed to candidates to respect the outcome and allow the democratic process to prevail peacefully.

"Sa ating mga kandidato na

balota, mapayapang bigyang galang natin ang halalan at ang boses ng taumbayan (To our candidates standing before the altar of the ballot, let us peacefully honor the elections and the voice of the people)," he added.

His colleagues in the Senate, in turn, underscored the importance of the midterm elections in shaping the country's legislative direction and its impact on governance and national policy.

"This election is very crucial, lalo na sa legislative body, sa Senate (especially in the legislative body, in the Senate),' Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada said in a radio interview, noting that the outcome would determine the strength and priorities of future Senate leadership.

"The Senate is not a school. You have to be well prepared," he said, addressing new contenders in the race.

Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino cast his vote early

MANILA - Senate President humaharap sa dambana ng Monday morning in Cavite, expressing relief at the end of a demanding campaign season and reiterating his call for clean, capable leadership.

> "Nagawa na po natin ang lahat para sa ating bayan. Ang magdedesisyon na ay ang taumbayan (We have done everything for our country. The people will decide)," Tolentino said after voting at about 7 a.m., thanking the public for their support.

> In Bocaue, Bulacan, Senator Joel Villanueva said he was pleased with the orderly voting process and expressed hope that the elections would lead to stronger representation for the Filipino people.

He cited the efficiency of votecounting machines and the prioritization of senior citizens and PWDs at polling centers.

"Napaka-convenient at satisfying ng proseso (The process is very convenient and satisfying)," Villanueva said, adding that the system's transparency reinforces public trust. (PNA)

### **DENR-EMB** pushes upcycling of discarded election tarps

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) is calling on the public's cooperation to creatively repurpose discarded election tarpaulins to help reduce the country's solid waste problem.

Following the 2025 National and Local Elections, a large number of tarpaulins were posted in various locations, further contributing to the country's ongoing plastic waste problem.

EMB Calabarzon has recently issued an advisory highlighting the environmental risks associated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the primary material used in most election tarpaulins. PVC is a type of plastic that does not biodegrade and often ends up in landfills, waterways, and urban areas, contributing to pollution and environmental hazards.

The EMB also provided several recommendations for recycling and repurposing election tarpaulins. These materials can be cleaned, cut, and sewn into durable, reusable bags, as an alternative to single-use plastics. They may also serve as temporary covers for homes and structures, providing protection from heat and rain.

Additionally, the public is also encouraged to turn over old tarpaulin to local recyclers or have them delivered to central Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), where they can be processed into new materials



and products, extending their usefulness beyond their original purpose.

This environmental campaign runs alongside with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) as part of the "Oplan Baklas" initiative.

In Calabarzon, Police Regional Office (PRO) IV-A headed by Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas recently green-lit the operations to remove campaign posters and materials that were illegally posted throughout the region. Director Lucas emphasized that, in support of these efforts, clean-up drives were also conducted to help prepare communities for the rainy season and reduce the risks associated with flooding and accumulated wastes.

"The implementation of Operation Baklas is not merely a simple removal of campaign materials. It forms part of our broader objective to ensure the cleanliness of our roads and public areas following the elections, as well as to conduct a clean-up drive within the vicinity of the camp in preparation for the rainy season and potential flooding." Lucas said.

As post-election clean-up efforts continue across Calabarzon, the DENR-EMB, PNP, and the COMELEC are urging the public to actively participate in the responsible disposal and repurposing of campaign-related waste.

In a statement released by environmental group EcoWaste Coalition, the campaign-related waste has already become a recurring problem every election season and it demands the collective action and cooperation of all winning and losing candidates to join the cleanup for the sake of environment protection. (CA, CO/PIA-4A)

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May 23, 2025 - Sa patuloy na pagtutok ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Bacoor sa kalusugan ng komunidad, tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang serbisyong libreng tuli para sa mga kabataang lalaki na may edad 12 pataas upang hikayatin ang maayos na pangangalaga ng kalusugan.

Nasa kabuuang 164 na kabataan mula sa Barangay Molino 4 ang nakinabang sa nasabing programa. Lubos namang nagpapasalamat ang lokal na pamahalaan sa tulong at suporta ng mga volunteer na intern doctors mula sa Perpetual Las Piñas at community volunteers mula naman sa St. Dominic Medical Center.



Ang Group Enrollment Program o GEP ng PhilHealth ay isang alternatibong paraan para sa mga organisadong grupo, National Government Agencies na mapadali ang pagbibigay ng PhilHealth coverage sa mga Job Order Contract Workers, seasonal employees o ang mga walang tinatawag na employeremployee relationship sa ilalim ng batas.

Batay sa PhilHealth Circular 2017-0008, mandatory and coverage ng mga indibidwal na directly hired Job Orders (JOS) at Project Based Contractors (PBCs) sa gobyerno bilang miyembro ng PhilHealth sa Ilalim ng informal Economy. Sa Ilalim din nito, binibigyan ng kapangyarihan ang mga employers na magbawas at mag-remit ng premium contributions nga mga naturang empleyado bilang individually Paying Members o Self Earning Individuals sa ilalim ng Group Enrollment Scheme.

Ang mga Local Government Agencies, National Government Agencies at pribadong institusyon na nagpakita ng intensyon na sumali sa implementasyon ng Group Enrollment Program ay kinakailangan na magsumite ng mga sumusunod na dokumento:

1. Pirmadong Memorandum of Agreement or Letter of Commitment at 2. Non-Disclosure Agreement

Matapos, makapagpa-rehistro, magi-isyu ng PhilHealth Organized Group Number (POGN) na magsisilbing pagkakaklianlan ng kanilang grupo. Ang POGN din ang gagamitin sa pagpaparehistro o renewal ng mga taong nakalista sa programa at pagbabayad ng kanilang premium contributions.

Lahat ng Pilipinong indibidwal na hindi kasapi ng National Health Insurance Program ay maaaring mai-enroll sa Group Enrollment Program na hindi Ilmitado sa mga sumusunod:

Contract of Service (COS), Job order and Project-based personnel

- Miyembro ng mga microfinance institutions at iba pang organisadong grupo
   Self-earning individuals
   Professional practitioners
   LGU constituents na nabibilang sa may mababang sahod, barangay health workers, nutrition scholars at iba pang mga nagtatrabaho ng boluntaryo sa barangay
   Estudyante na edad na 21 at pataas

Sa pagpaparehistro, ang mga group partners ay kinakailangang magsumite sa Phill-lealth ng listahan ng kanilang nais isali sa programa kalakip ang napunan na Phill-lealth Member Registration Form (PMRF) at mga kaukulang dokumento. Sa mga kaso na may mga indibidwal na may intensyon na mag withdraw ng kanilang pagiging miyembro, ang mga group partners ay dapat agarang ipahayag ang kanilang pag withdraw at magpasa ng Group Enrollment Withdrawal Form.

Ang premium contribution sa ilalim ng Group Enrollment Program ay naaayon sa Phill-lealth Circular 2020-0005 na base sa idineklarang kita ng miyembro sa pamamagitan ng group partner.

Ang mga group partners ay regular na ebi-bill sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng Statement of Premium Account (SPA) na maaaring monthly, quarterly, semi-annually at annually. Ito ay maaaring bayaran sa mga Local Health Insurance Offices o Accredited Collecting Agents na awtomatikong papassok sa indibidwal account ng mga miyembro.

Ang mga indibidwal na gagamit ng benepisyo ng Phil-Health ay bibigyan ng Certificate of Premium Payment na maaaring maging batayan kung updated ang kanyang kontribusyon sa Phil-Health.

Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon nang 42 group partners at 1,210 miyembro sa ilalim ng Group Enrollment Program.

Sa mga grupo or organisasyon na nais mapabilang sa GEP, maaaring makipag-ugnayan sa alingmang tanggapan ng PhilHealth sa inyong lugar. ### (JDB)



# Over 18K students from UdM, PLM to get allowance next week

MANILA - More than 18,000 students of the Universidad de Manila (UdM) and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) will receive their PHP1,000 monthly allowance next week, Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna said Thursday.

In a statement, Lacuna said the 10,115 and 8,200 students from UdM and PLM, respectively, will get a total of PHP2,000 each covering the months of March and April, and that payout will be from May 28 to 31.

"This small help is a testament to our full support for our students to help them graduate from college," Lacuna said.

UdM President Dr. Felma Carlos-Tria said currently enrolled students are required to bring their own ballpens, original and photocopy of their UdM-issued RFID card with three specimen signatures, a photocopy of GO Manila ID, and a printed copy of student portal with midterm grades (second semester, 2024-2025).

The procedure and schedule of payout, which will be done through the personal handout, are duly posted on the official social media accounts of the city," Lacuna said. city and the UdM, she said.

The allowances are being given on a "per college basis" to ensure the orderliness of the process and the students' convenience.

The PLM students, on the other hand, will be getting their allowance through their debit card accounts.

UdM and the PLM are both

being run by the local government of Manila. The students receive PHP1,000 monthly allowance through the city's social amelioration program, which was passed during the term of Lacuna as city council presiding officer.

"These payouts to students are regular occurrences. These allowances are the beneficiaries' share of the taxes collected and revenues generated by the

The outgoing mayor added that while the allowance may not be that substantial, it is meant to augment the regular expenses of the students from the city-run colleges.

Also recipients of monthly financial assistance from the city are senior citizens, solo parents, and persons with disability. (PNA)

# **Tutok Kainan aims to improve** food quality of vulnerable sectors



The National Nutrition Council (NNC) in Calabarzon reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening nutrition programs across the region as it continues the Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program (TK-DSP) activities in partnership with local government units.

Lourdes B. Orongan, NNC Calabarzon's Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator, said the Tutok Kainan DSP aims to improve the quantity, quality, and nutritional content of food intake among nutritionally vulnerable groups, including pregnant women and children.

"Under the TK-DSP, various initiatives are implemented over six months, including maternal nutrition education, First 1,000 Days services, safe motherhood promotion, family planning, and free medical services," she said.

She also emphasized the crucial role of these activities in improving the nutritional status of pregnant beneficiaries. One of the pregnant beneficiaries, Babylyn Rivera from Brgy. Calubcub in Naic town in Cavite, shared the impact of the feeding program.

"The food you provide means a lot to us pregnant women because, to be honest, we're struggling with our budget, so we are very thankful."

Another beneficiary, Jessilyn Laigue, expressed her gratitude for the program's support for both mother and child:

""The TK-DSP not only provides nourishment to mothers but also gives hope for the healthy growth of infants. Your efforts are a significant contribution to building a strong and healthy community."

Orongan encouraged the continued advocacy for maternal and child health to ensure positive changes in the community's overall health and nutritional well-being.

Meanwhile, monitoring and evaluation efforts are ongoing in other target provinces. These include a series of social preparation activities in selected municipalities in Cavite; kamustahan and monitoring activities in Laguna and Rizal; and feeding implementation monitoring in Quezon. Orongan added that the program aligns with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023–2028, which aims to promote proper nutrition and health across all stages of life. (KA PIA4A/ NNC Calabarzon)

# The P20/kilo rice (Un) Fulfilled Promise... From page 4 that would make the P20/kilo

One opinion writer termed this project as quack economics. "The economics driving the P20/kilo rice is just as unsound and unhinged as Trump's tariffs. There is no way the global trading system would survive those levies. The P20/ kilo rice is a policy of utter desperation and craziness, with no basis in the real world and in agricultural economics. There is no circumstance or environment rice sustainable" he says.

The cost to the government will be huge. Sec Laurel of Agriculture said that the Marcos administration is ready to spend ₱10 billion to ₱12 billion to subsidize the upcoming pilot run of its ₱20-per-kilo rice program in the Visayas region and Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) stores. In a briefing on Tuesday, April 29, Laurel said the government has authorized the redirection of ₱5 billion from the national government's contingency fund to the state-run Food Terminal Inc. (FTI).

How long will this P20/ kilo rice last? My estimate is not very long due to the law of supply and demanddemand will outstrip supply. And more importantly the government cannot sustain the subsidy.

The P20/kilo rice may be a good optics but it is not sustainable and it will ruin the fiscal position of the country.

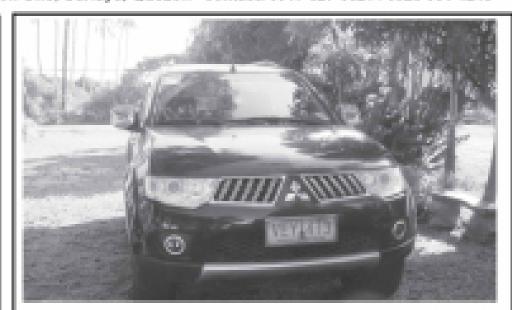
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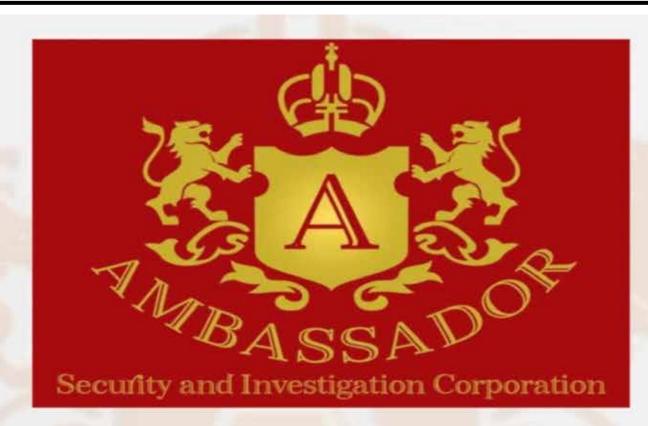
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