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BACOR CITY SETS TRAFFIC PLANS AHEAD OF LRT CAVITE EXTENSION WORKS

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Touted to improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and cut travel time from CALABARZON to Metro Manila, the City Government of Bacor assured that proper measures will be put in place to minimize inconvenience to the public as the construction of the LRT Cavite Extension Project continues.

In a September 17 meeting with the Light Rail Transit Authority and JGHM, Mayor Strike Revilla assured that

authorities will ensure that areas surrounding the construction project will not be significantly affected.

Revilla underscored that the city government will carefully plan routes and will be in close coordination with authorities to minimize inconvenience to the riding public.

“[While] the Niog Station is being constructed, proper measures will be put in place to ensure traffic flow in Niog and neighboring areas will not be significantly affected.

Careful planning and close coordination will be observed to minimize inconvenience to residents and commuters.”

“The City Government remains fully committed to delivering these vital infrastructure projects.”

Once completed, the Niog Station Intermodal Facility and the LRT Line South Extension will improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion, and provide modern, efficient public transportation for thousands of Bacooreños.



IMUS CITY LGU PUSH FOR STRONGER POLICIES FOR HIV, AIDS PROGRAMS



IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The City Government of Imus is updating its local policies and programs, strengthening local mechanisms to protect its residents living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as the country continues to address the fast-spreading epidemic.

Expected to be completed between 2028 to 2031, the LRT Line South Extension Project will significantly improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and provide modern, efficient public transportation.

Known as a “bedroom” city along with its neighbor Cavite City, Bacor is home to thousands of commuters and employees who commute to Metro Manila and other neighboring areas daily. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from City Government of Bacor) **BY PATRICIA BERMUDEZ**

protecting their rights to privacy and confidentiality.

As one of its authors, Councilor Enzo Asistio said the ordinance will also provide updated policies on STI, HIV, and AIDS programs to meet the standards set by the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act.

“Layunin nating mapalawak ang access ng ating mga kababayan sa tamang impormasyon, prevention programs, confidential HIV testing and counseling, treatment, care, support, at referral services, kasabay ng pagprotekta sa kanilang privacy at karapatan at pagtulong na maiwasan ang stigma at discrimination.”

In 2025, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Philippines noted that the country is experiencing one of the fastest-growing HIV epidemic in Asia Pacific where at least 57 people are diagnosed with the disease each day. (PB-PIA CALABARZON) **BY PATRICIA BERMUDEZ**



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SEARCH WARRANT IMPLEMENTATION NG GENERAL TRIAS PULIS, PAGKAKAKUMPISKA NG BARIL, BALA AT HINIHALANG SHABU

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Isang lalaki ang naaresto matapos ipatupad ng mga tauhan ng General Trias Component City Police Station ang Search Warrant dakong alas-7:30 ng gabi hanggang alas-8:45 ng gabi noong Setyembre 22, 2026, sa Barangay Biclatan, General Trias City, Cavite. Kinilala ni PLTCOL ARCHIMEDES L BAKING, hepe ng General Trias CCPS, ang naarestong suspek na si alyas "Lore" at residente ng nasabing lugar. Siya ay nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa Republic Act No. 10591 o Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act at Section

11, Article II ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Isinagawa ang operasyon bilang bahagi ng SACLEO ng Intelligence Operatives at Sector 2 personnel ng General Trias CCPS. Ipinatupad ang search warrant sa bisa ng utos ng Regional Trial Court Branch 23, Trece Martires City, Cavite, na inisyu noong Setyembre 22, 2026. Isinagawa ang paghahanap sa presensya ng mandatory witnesses na isang barangay kagawad at isang media representative.

Nakumpiska mula sa operasyon ang isang .38 caliber revolver, tatlong piraso ng .38 caliber live

ammunition, at isang sling bag.

Samantala, habang isinasagawa ang lawful search, nakita rin sa plain view ang dalawang pakete na naglalaman ng hinihinalang shabu, na may timbang na 1.10 gramo at tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng ₱7,480.00.

Ang mga ito ay hindi saklaw ng search warrant ngunit natuklasan sa isinagawang lawful search at, dahil sa maliwanag na incriminating nature nito, ay agad na sinamsam, minarkahan, inimbentaryo at kinuhanan ng larawan alinsunod sa naaangkop na probisyon ng Section 21 ng RA 9165.

Ang naarestong suspek at mga nakumpiskang

ebidensya ay nasa kustodiya na ng General Trias CCPS para sa kaukulang dokumentasyon at disposisyon. Inihahanda na ang mga dokumento para sa inquest proceedings sa Office of the City Prosecutor kaugnay ng paglabag sa RA 10591 at Section 11, Article II ng RA 9165, gayundin ang Return of Search Warrant sa korte na nag-isyu nito.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang intelligence-driven operations laban sa illegal firearms at illegal drugs upang mapanatili ang seguridad at kapayapaan sa mga komunidad.

HIGH VALUE INDIVIDUAL ARESTADO SA BUY-BUST OPERATION NG CAVITE PROVINCIAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT; P340K NA HALAGA NG SHABU NAKUMPISKA

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Isang High-Value Individual ang naaresto sa isinagawang buy-bust operation ng Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit dakong alas-6:35 ng gabi noong Setyembre 22, 2026, sa Barangay Burol 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Kinilala ni PLTCOL ALFONSO P SALIGUMBA III, hepe ng Cavite Provincial Intelligence Unit, ang naarestong suspek na si alyas "Boy" at residente ng Barangay

Burul 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Ang operasyon ay nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek dahil sa paglabag sa Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. Nakumpiska mula sa suspek ang dalawang pakete na naglalaman ng pinaghihinalang shabu, na may kabuuang timbang na 50 gramo at tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng ₱340,000.00.

Matapos ang pagmarka,

nagtala ang mga nakumpiskang sachets ng kabuuang gross weight na humigit-kumulang 50.12 gramo. Nakumpiska rin ang isang genuine ₱500 bill na powder-dusted, na ginamit bilang buy-bust money.

Ipinaalam sa suspek ang kanyang constitutional rights sa wikang nauunawaan niya.

Ang mga nakumpiskang drug-related evidence ay dadalhin sa Cavite Provincial Forensic Unit sa Imus City para sa

laboratory examination. Inihahanda na ang mga kaukulang dokumento para sa inquest proceedings laban sa suspek sa Office of the City Prosecutor.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang intelligence-driven at coordinated operations laban sa mga high-value targets ng illegal drugs upang maprotektahan ang mga komunidad mula sa epekto ng ilegal na droga.

REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA KASONG PAGLABAG SA ILIGAL NA DROGA, ARESTADO NG CARMONA PULIS

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto sa isinagawang police operation ng Carmona Component City Police Station dakong alas-6:40 ng gabi noong Setyembre 23, 2026, Barangay Maduya, Carmona City, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL RENE JOY L MOSQUIZA, hepe ng Carmona CCPS, ang naarestong akusado na si alyas "Buro" at residente ng Carmona City, Cavite. Nagsagawa ng operasyon ang mga Warrant Operatives ng Carmona CCPS, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto ng akusado sa bisa ng Warrant of Arrest para sa paglabag sa Section 12, Article II ng Republic Act No. 9165, o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Ang warrant ay inisyu ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 154, Biñan City,

Laguna noong Setyembre 21, 2026 para sa service of sentence.

Ipinaalam sa akusado ang dahilan ng kanyang pagkakaaresto at ang kanyang constitutional rights alinsunod sa RA No. 7438 at RA No. 9745 o Anti-Torture Act of 2009, sa wikang kanyang nauunawaan.

Ang naarestong akusado ay kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng Carmona CCPS para sa kaukulang disposisyon, habang ibabalik ang Warrant of Arrest sa issuing court para sa wastong dokumentasyon.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang mga operasyon laban sa mga wanted person upang matiyak na naipatutupad ang mga warrant of arrest at nasusunod ang proseso ng batas.

REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA KASONG RAPE, ARESTADO NG AMADEO PULIS

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto sa isinagawang police operation laban sa wanted person dakong alas-4:40 ng hapon noong Setyembre 22, 2026, sa Barangay San Miguel 2, Silang, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PMAJ JULIUS ROSALES MARQUEZ, hepe ng Amadeo MPS, ang naarestong akusado na si alyas "Jeff" na residente ng Silang, Cavite.

Pinangunahan ng Amadeo Municipal Police Station, ang operasyon na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa akusado sa bisa ng Bench Warrant of Arrest para sa kasong Rape under Article 266-A (1) in relation to Article 266-B of the Revised Penal Code.

Ang nasabing warrant ay inilabas ng Family Court,

Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 5, Trece Martires City, Cavite, noong Hulyo 17, 2024, na walang nirerekomendang piyansa. Ipinaalam sa akusado ang dahilan ng kanyang pagkakaaresto at ipinaalam ang kanyang mga constitutional rights sa wikang kanyang nauunawaan.

Ang naarestong akusado ay nasa kustodiya na ngayon ng Amadeo MPS para sa kaukulang dokumentasyon, habang ibabalik ang warrant sa korte na pinagmulan nito.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang mga operasyon laban sa mga wanted person upang matiyak na ang mga indibidwal na may kinakaharap na kaso ay mananatag alinsunod sa proseso ng batas.

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DAY 2 I OPLAN "BANTAY KASIPAN" PROMOTING WELLNESS, STRENGTHENING SERVICE

The Cavite Police Provincial Office, under the leadership of PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, continues the implementation of OPLAN BANTAY KASIPAN, reaffirming its commitment to the well-being and readiness of its personnel. On September 23, 2026, personnel from the Regional Medical and Dental Unit 4A – Neuro-Psychiatric Section, headed by PCPT HANEI LEI N BANTASAN, Psychologist PCO, paid a courtesy call at the Office of the Provincial Director, Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite. They were accompanied by PMAJ JEFFREY LOPEZ, Team Leader, Cavite Provincial Medical and Dental Team, and PCPT MAE PALAFOX, Assistant Team Leader, Cavite PMDT.

The activity promotes awareness on mental and emotional well-being, self-care, resilience, and the importance of seeking support when needed.

As a gesture of appreciation, PLTCOL WILLY B SALAZAR, DPDA, presented a

Certificate of Appreciation to the RMDU 4A – Neuro-Psychiatric Section team in recognition of their support in promoting the welfare of PNP personnel.

For Cavite PPO, caring for the people behind the badge is essential to delivering effective police service. Healthy, resilient, and supported personnel are better prepared to serve the community with dedication and compassion.

Anchored on B.E.S.T. Policing "Be Visible, Engage Immediately, Serve Together, and Transform Trust," Cavite PPO remains committed to strengthening both its people and its service.

"Through OPLAN Bantay Kaisipan, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every member of the Cavite Police Provincial Office is supported, heard, and cared for. A healthy mind builds resilience, strengthens performance, and enables us to serve our communities with greater dedication and compassion," said PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES: HOW GEN. MARIANO ALVAREZ BUILDS SPACES FOR GROWTH AND COMMUNITY

Many cities and municipalities are maximizing their land areas by building residential, commercial and even industrial centers. But in a town where open, community spaces are rare, almost nonexistent, the municipality of General Mariano Alvarez in Cavite built a public park where residents can unwind and explore new hobbies.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency, Dr. Medardo Custodio, municipal mayor, noted that public parks are few and far between, especially for small towns like theirs. Without large-scale malls and well-known spots, the local government unit of Gen. Mariano Alvarez is setting its sights on building a public park where residents can unwind and explore new hobbies.

"Dito sa amin, kailangang-kailangan talaga [ng public park] dahil ang bayan ng Gen. Mariano Alvarez ay walang park at walang mapuntahan 'yung mga gustong mamahinga, mga solo parent, senior citizen, mga PWD, 'yung mga mamamayan dito sa amin kailangang-kailangan talaga."

The mayor cited national budget allocation programs, such as the Green, Green, Green Program, as vital to their bid to create spaces where their kababayans spend their free time away from screens and explore healthier hobbies and interests.

A key component of the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), the Green, Green, Green Program provides funding support to local government units to develop and improve

to all successful attendees from La Cucina Petite Food Services Inc.

Through technical assistance, capacity-building seminars, and consultancy services, DOST-Cavite continues to assist local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and food service providers in establishing compliant, safe, and high-standard food preparation operations throughout the province. **DOST CAVITE**

public spaces and active mobility infrastructure.

"Importante kasi na may mapupuntahan ang ating mga kababayan para mag-relax na hindi mall, o nasa isang silid ka lang na tahimik. Ito kasi napakahalaga ng pasyalan ng taumbayan na may playground. Kasi 'yung fresh air, may mapupuntahan 'yung mga bata. Siguro magkakaroon na sila ng pagpi-picnic-an," Custodio said.

Based on its report, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) earmarked P17,136,461.00 for the construction of the Gen. Mariano Alvarez Public Park.

The public park, which was constructed at what used to be a garbage disposal area, was very much welcomed by residents who longed for open and free spaces to enjoy community activities.

"Yung dating nangangamoy na lugar, maraming natuwa dahil maayos na maayos na 'yung lugar. Na-develop 'yung lugar at napakabuting proyekto ito para sa mga mamamayan kasi ito lagi 'yung hinihiniling."

After building their public park, Gen. Mariano Alvarez will also use its LGSF allocation to improve public services in their town, such as the Rural Health Units and Municipal Buildings, as well as improving mobility by buliding bridges and road widening projects.

"Marami kaming gusto pang mapaglaanan ng budget under LGSF. Napakahalagang bagay sa amin na maitay at maayos ang aming munisipyo. Second, yung aming pagamutan, gusto kong maayos ang aming pagamutan dahil nangangarap ang aking mga kababayan. Pipilitin naming naging level two man lang 'yung aming pagamutan," Custodio noted.

Under the LGSF, municipalities and cities can choose from a menu of projects and programs that will best fit the needs of their constituents. And for the LGU of Gen. Mariano Alvarez, the Funding program lists endless possibilities for them to improve their growing town. (PB-PIA CALABARZON) **BY PATRICIA BERMUDEZ**

EDITORIAL

El Niño, Banta sa Bayan

Ang patuloy na paglala ng El Niño ay isang seryosong banta sa kalagayan ng tubig, agrikultura, at kabuhayan ng mga Pilipino.

Kung magpapatuloy ito hanggang sa unang kalahati ng 2027, higit na mararamdaman ang kakulangan sa ulan at suplay ng tubig sa maraming lugar.

Ang naitalang rainfall deficit sa 45 probinsya ay malinaw na palatandaan na kailangan nang paigtingin ang mga hakbang laban sa tagtuyot.

Dapat tiyakin ng pamahalaan ang sapat na suplay ng tubig at agarang tulong para sa mga magsasakang maaaring mawalan ng ani at kita.

Mahalaga rin ang pakikiisa ng bawat mamamayan sa wastong paggamit at pagtitipid ng tubig upang mabawasan ang epekto ng krisis.

Sa harap ng posibilidad na maging mas malakas ang El Niño, ang maagap na paghahanda at sama-samang pagkilos ay mahalaga upang maprotektahan ang buhay at kabuhayan.

SAFE FOOD, BETTER SERVICE: DOST CAVITE CONDUCTED SEMINAR ON BASIC FOOD HYGIENE WITH LA CUCINA PETITE FOOD SERVICES INC.

Recognizing food safety as a crucial foundation for food service operations, the Department of Science and Technology – Cavite (DOST-Cavite) successfully facilitated a Basic Food Hygiene Seminar tailored for the personnel of La Cucina Petite Food Services Inc on September 21, 2026 in General Trias, Cavite. Ms. Anna Marie S. Daigan, Supervising Science Research Specialist from DOST-Cavite, served as the resource speaker for the initiative. She delivered an engaging and informative presentation covering essential hygiene standards, regulatory

food safety practices, and proper handling routines essential to daily kitchen operations.

The seminar featured an engaging, interactive discussion where participants actively took part from start to finish. Kicking off with a pre-test to gauge initial knowledge, the session moved into hands-on learning highlights, including a practical handwashing activity and a visual inspection utilizing a specialized germ kit. The program wrapped up dynamically with an engaging question-and-answer forum, a post-test to measure progress, and the awarding of certificates

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Mortgagor.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for 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 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 Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement executed and notarized on February 22, 2023, by mortgagor, **MARJORIE R. DE LEON**, of legal age, Filipino, and with addresses at (1) Lot 20 Block 1 Camella Glenmont, Sauyo Road, Novaliches Town Proper, Quezon City; and (2) Unit 38 Building 3, Pines Suites, Tagaytay Silang, Junction West, Tagaytay, Cavite, in favor of the mortgagee, over a over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001999** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagor in the amount of **TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO PESOS AND 44/100 (Php2,724,672.44)** as of July 20, 2026, 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 October 30, 2026 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 properties with all its improvements thereon:

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HIJOS TOURS NAGLUNSA NG WELLNESS TOUR PARA SA MAS MALUSOG AT BALANSENG PAMUMUHAY



Inilunsad ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours ang dalawang-araw na San Pablo City Wellness Tour noong Abril 24–25, 2026 upang hikayatin ang mga kalahok na magkaroon ng mas malusog at balanseng pamumuhay sa pamamagitan ng mga gawaing nakatuon sa pinansyal, kalikasan, komunidad, at pananampalataya.

Sampung kliyente ng CARD Bank mula sa Candelaria, Quezon ang lumahok sa unang batch ng programa. Layunin nito na mabigyan ang mga kalahok ng pagkakataong makapag-isip at mas maunawaan ang mga salik na nakatutulong sa mas maayos na pamumuhay.

Ayon sa CARD MRI Hijos Tours, ipinakikita

ng programa ang ugnayan ng maayos na pamamahala ng pananalapi, pangangalaga sa kalikasan, pakikipagkapwa, at pananampalataya sa pangkalahatang kalagayan ng isang tao.

Sinabi ni CARD MRI Hijos Tours President Marilyn M. Manila na ang wellness tour ay hindi lamang paglalakbay kundi isang paraan upang matuto sa pamamagitan ng karanasan. “Sa pamamagitan ng tour na ito, pinagsasama namin ang pagkatuto at mga karanasang nagbibigay ng mahahalagang aral,” ani Manila. “Layunin naming mahikayat ang mga kalahok na magkaroon ng balanse sa iba’t ibang aspeto ng kanilang pamumuhay.”

Ipinaliwanag niya na ang programa ay naglalayong magbigay ng espasyo para sa pagkatuto, pagninilay, at pakikipag-ugnayan sa ibang tao, habang nagkakaroon ng mas malalim na pag-unawa sa kahalagahan ng balanse sa buhay. Sa mga nakalipas na taon, mas naging mahalaga para sa maraming tao ang pangangalaga hindi lamang sa pisikal na pangangatawan kundi pati na rin sa emosyonal, espiritwal, at pinansyal na aspeto ng buhay. Bilang tugon dito, binuo ng Hijos Tours ang wellness tour bilang pagsasanib ng paglalakbay at karanasang may aral para sa personal na pag-unlad.

Sa buong programa, nakibahagi ang mga kalahok sa mga aktibidad na nagpalalim ng kanilang koneksiyon sa kalikasan, sa komunidad, at sa kanilang sarili. Kabilang dito ang tree-bathing activities kung saan nakapagpahinga at mas naging malapit sila sa kalikasan. Naranasan din nila ang panunuluyan sa isang lokal na tahanan upang mas makilala ang kultura ng komunidad. Kasama rin sa kanilang itinerary ang pagbisita sa CARD MRI Head Office at pananghalian sa isang katutubong restawran.

Dinala rin ang mga

kalahok sa ilang kilalang likas at makasaysayang lugar sa San Pablo City tulad ng Sampaloc Lake, Sitio Lalao Hot Spring, Kinabuhayan Stream, at Mt. Banahaw. Bumisita rin sila sa mga pook-panrelihiyon gaya ng San Pablo Cathedral, San Agustin Church, Yapak ni Kristo, Presintahan Cave, at Kamalig ni Saint Jacob sa Sta. Lucia, Dolores.

Ayon sa mga tagapag-organisa, ang pagsasama ng mga aktibidad na ito ay nagbibigay ng pagkakataong matuto habang nakararanas ng iba’t ibang lugar at gawain. Sa halip na simpleng pamamasyal, layunin ng programa na maghatid ng mas makabuluhang karanasan sa mga kalahok.

Bukas ang Wellness Tour para sa mga kliyente at kawani ng CARD na may edad 18 hanggang 50 taong gulang at kayang lumahok sa mga gawaing may kasamang paglalakad at maikling trekking. Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, patuloy na pinalalawak ng CARD MRI Hijos Tours ang mga inisyatibo na naglalayong maghatid ng makabuluhang karanasan at isulong ang mas balanseng pamumuhay sa paglalakbay at pakikilahok sa komunidad.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 6, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001999** 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, September 9, 2026.

(Sgd)
ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
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(Sgd)
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Sheriff-in-Charge

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Mga kalahok sa San Pablo City Wellness Tour habang bumibisita sa Mt. Banahaw, isa sa mga pangunahing destinasyon ng tour na nag-aalok ng kagalingan sa pamamagitan ng kalikasan at espirituwal na karanasan.

SSS PAYS TRIBUTE TO
PENSIONERS WITH ANNUAL PENSIONERS' DAY

QUEZON CITY, – The Social Security System (SSS) honored nearly 4,000 pensioners at its annual Pensioners' Day celebration on 11 September 2026, held in 19 selected venues nationwide as part of the pension fund's 69th anniversary.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the event recognizes pensioners' years of hard work and contributions to the Philippine economy.

"We institutionalized this activity as an expression of gratitude to them for their significant contribution to our society," de Claro said, describing pensioners as pillars of nation-building.

The celebration carried the anniversary theme, "Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado", which underscores the SSS' commitment to protecting workers, members and pensioners against life's uncertainties while helping secure their families' future.

Pensioners urged to avail of Pension Loan Program

De Claro encouraged retiree and surviving

spouse pensioners to avail of the Pension Loan Program (PLP) to help meet their immediate financial needs.

The SSS launched the PLP in September 2018 to provide retiree pensioners with access to low-interest loans without requiring ATM cards as collateral. In September 2025, the program was expanded to include surviving spouse pensioners, giving them access to safe and affordable credit.

"The SSS pension loan is a secured cash loan with a transparent interest rate of 10% per year, computed based on a diminishing principal balance," de Claro said.

Qualified retiree pensioners may borrow an amount equivalent to three, six, nine, or 12 times their Aggregate Monthly Pension, subject to a maximum loan amount of ₱300,000. Available repayment terms are six, 12, and 24 months.

"For qualified surviving spouse pensioners, the loan amount is equivalent to 50% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension multiplied by three, six,

nine, or 12 months, subject to a maximum of ₱150,000. Available loan terms are six and 12 months," he added.

The Aggregate Monthly Pension consists of the basic monthly pension and the ₱1,000 additional benefit. A dependent's pension is excluded from the computation.

He said the SSS ensures that pensioner-borrowers retain a net take-home pension of at least 40% of their Aggregate Monthly Pension once monthly loan amortizations begin.

Eligibility and application

Retiree pensioners applying for the loan must be registered on the SSS website with updated contact information and an enrolled disbursement account. They must be 85 years old or younger at the end of the loan term, have no deductions from their monthly pension and have no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Loan Package.

They must also have been receiving an active monthly pension for at least one month and must not have been disqualified because of fraud committed against the SSS.

Surviving spouse pensioners must have an SS number and be registered on the SSS website with updated contact information and an enrolled disbursement account. Those who are not SSS members must secure an SS number as a surviving spouse pensioner before registering online.

They must be at least 18 years old when applying and no older than 85 at the end of the loan term. They must have no pension deductions, no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Loan Package, and must have been receiving an

BANDA KAWAYAN PILIPINAS TO
REPRESENT PHILIPPINES AT 20TH
FIFAS IN ARGENTINA

MANILA, Philippines — Banda Kawayan Pilipinas (BKP) will represent the Philippines at the 20th Festival Internacional de Folklore Ashpa Súmaj (FIFAS), to be held from October 6 to 12, 2026 in Las Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Argentina.

Now celebrating its 20th edition, FIFAS is an international cultural gathering that brings together folklore ensembles and artists from different countries for several days of performances, cultural exchange, and activities celebrating the diversity of the world's traditional arts.

The Philippine delegation will join participating groups in presenting the country's musical heritage to Argentine and international audiences.

Banda Kawayan Pilipinas will showcase the distinctive sound of Filipino bamboo music

through its bamboo marimbas, bumbongs, angklungs, and kalagong. The ensemble's bamboo instruments were personally crafted and developed by its founder, Prof. Siegfredo B. Calabig, including the "Kalagong", his original musical invention and one of the group's signature instruments.

BKP's participation in FIFAS continues its mission of bringing Philippine music and culture to the international

stage. Following the festival, the delegation will also undertake cultural engagements in Buenos Aires, further promoting friendship and cultural exchange between the Philippines and Argentina.

With a musical tradition dating back to 1973, Banda Kawayan Pilipinas carries to Argentina a distinctly Filipino musical experience—transforming bamboo into an instrument of artistry, heritage, and cultural diplomacy.



Social Security System (SSS) Executive Vice President for Branch Operations Sector Antonio S. Argabioso (2nd from left) explains the rationale behind the SSS' conduct of Pensioners' Day activities at various venues nationwide during the Pensioners' Day at NCR North Division held at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City on 11 September 2026. Also in the photo are Social Security Commissioner Roy G. Padiernos (3rd from left), SSS Senior Vice President for NCR Operations Group Benjamin M. Dolindo Jr. (right), and SSS Senior Vice President for Fund Management Group Rentony C. Gibe (left).



MEKENI BRINGS ELEVATED FILIPINO STREET FOOD EXPERIENCE AT ONE PAMPANGA FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXPO 2026

CLARK, PAMPANGA — Bringing a fresh and more premium take on the Filipino street food experience, Street Flavors by Mekení joined the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo 2026 on September 19–20 at the SMX Convention Center Clark, showcasing how familiar Filipino favorites can become a memorable part of events and celebrations.

A food cart business concept of Mekení Food Corporation, Street Flavors is designed to bring the company's well-loved products closer to consumers through ready-to-operate food carts that combine convenience, quality, and a more elevated street food experience.

From corporate gatherings and school activities to birthdays, community celebrations, and other special occasions, Street Flavors brings the energy

and familiarity of Filipino street food directly to events—giving guests an experience that is both casual and premium.

"We want to bring the street food experience to events in a way that feels more exciting, convenient, and premium, while still keeping the flavors that Filipinos know and love," said Mr. Pruds Garcia, President of Mekení Food Corporation.

More than an event food concept, Street Flavors also opens opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs through its ready-to-operate food cart model. By providing a business concept anchored on Mekení's trusted food products, the initiative aims to create livelihood opportunities while expanding access to quality street food.

"Street food is deeply part of Filipino culture. Through Street Flavors, we want

to give entrepreneurs an opportunity to bring that experience to more people while building a business of their own," he added.

While Street Flavors continues to cater to events and special occasions, the concept is also designed to serve everyday consumers through accessible food carts, making Mekení products available beyond traditional retail channels.

Its participation in the One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo highlighted Mekení's continuing efforts to innovate beyond its core food manufacturing business and create new ways for consumers to experience its products.

Through Street Flavors by Mekení, the company hopes to make quality, delicious, and distinctly Filipino street food more accessible, anytime, anywhere, and now, in a more premium way.

GOV'T SEEKS P229-M TO EXPAND EV PROGRAM IN 2027

MANILA — The United Kingdom is providing the Philippines with access to up to PHP419.9 billion in export financing to support its priority economic programs, the Department of Finance (DOF) said on Wednesday.

The two nations formally signed a government-to-government (G2G) partnership, allowing UK Export Finance (UKEF) to consider support for eligible projects in the Philippines. The DOF said potential areas of cooperation include energy transition, sustainable transport, water and sanitation, aviation, and social infrastructure, among others.

"We are opening new opportunities to bring financing, expertise, and partnership to projects that matter to the Filipino people.

This Government-to-Government Arrangement gives us a practical framework for financial and development cooperation," DOF Secretary Frederick Go said.

"Ultimately, this partnership must translate into jobs, stronger businesses, better infrastructure, and broader opportunities for Filipinos."

The partnership, signed by UK Trade Minister Lord Anas Sarwar, UK Ambassador Sarah Hulton OBE, and Go, comes as the Philippines continues its transition to an upper middle-income country (UMIC).

"As the country enters this next phase of development, it is important to sustain productivity and investment, create more and better jobs, strengthen economic resilience, and promote inclusive

and equitable economic growth," the DOF said.

The agency said the two governments will now identify and advance "strategic and viable projects" that are aligned with the Philippines' development agenda.

The two governments are currently discussing potential projects through the Infrastructure Sectoral Working Group (SWG) of the Philippines–UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO), which convened its second meeting on Sept. 22.

The government-run UKEF is the UK's primary export credit agency, providing official development assistance, export credit facilities, guarantees, sovereign finance, and blended financing, among others. (PNA) **BY JOYCE ANN L. ROCAMORA**

PHILHEALTH, PATULOY NA PINALALAKAS ANG YAKAP AT GAMOT

Mas pinalalawak ng PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A) ang paghahatid ng serbisyong pangkalusugan sa mga komunidad sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pagpapalakas ng Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) at Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT).

Sa ilalim ng PhilHealth YAKAP, maaaring makatanggap ang mga miyembro at kanilang dependents ng primary care consultation at assessment mula sa Primary Care Doctor ng kanilang napiling YAKAP Clinic. Kasama rin sa package ang iba't ibang laboratory at screening

services na mahalaga sa maagang pagtukoy at pag-iwas sa mga sakit.

Kabilang dito ang 13 basic outpatient laboratory tests, gaya ng Complete Blood Count (CBC), lipid profile, fasting blood sugar, HbA1c, creatinine, chest X-ray, ECG, urinalysis at iba pa.

Mayroon ding anim na anti-cancer screening tests para sa maagang pagtuklas ng ilang uri ng cancer. Sa kasalukuyan, may 53 accredited facilities na nagbibigay ng mga serbisyong ito, kabilang ang breast ultrasound, mammography, alpha-fetoprotein, liver ultrasound, colonoscopy, at low-dose chest CT scan, depende sa pangangailangan at

assessment ng pasyente.

Samantala, sa ilalim ng GAMOT, maaaring makatanggap ang bawat kwalipikadong miyembro ng hanggang ₱20,000 halaga ng essential medicines kada taon. Saklaw nito ang 54 na klase ng mahahalagang gamot para sa iba't ibang kondisyon, kabilang ang hypertension at cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, asthma at COPD, dyslipidemia, at iba pa.

Ang 21 essential medicines ay maaaring makuha sa napiling YAKAP Clinic, habang ang mga gamot na may GAMOT coverage ay maaaring i-dispense sa mga accredited GAMOT Providers.

Anti-microbials (gamot sa impeksyon) - Albendazole - Amoxicillin - Azithromycin - Cefixime - Cefuroxime - Ciprofloxacin* - Clarithromycin* - Clindamycin - Clotrimazole - Cloxacillin - Co-amoxiclav* - Co-trimoxazole* (Sulfamethoxazole+ Trimethoprim) - Doxycycline - Erythromycin - Fluconazole - Ketoconazole - Mebendazole - Metronidazole - Nitrofurantoin* - Osetamivir - Tobramycin	Supportive/Other Therapy - Aluminum Hydroxide + Magnesium Hydroxide - Butamirate - Celecoxib - Cetirizine - Colchicine - Chlorpheniramine* - Diphenhydramine - Ferrous Salt (Iron Preparations) - Folic acid + Iron Ferrous - Ibuprofen - Lagundi (Vitex Negundo) - Loratadine - Mefenamic Acid - Naproxen - Omeprazole - Oral Rehydration Salts* - Paracetamol* - Zinc
Anti-thrombotics (gamot laban sa pamumuo ng dugo) - Clopidogrel - Aspirin	Anti-dyslipidemia (gamot sa mataas ang kolesterol) - Atorvastatin - Fenofibrate - Rosuvastatin - Simvastatin*
Anti-asthma and COPD (gamot sa hika at sa may Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) - Budesonide + Formoterol - Fluticasone + Salmeterol* - Ipratropium - Montelukast - Prednisone* - Salbutamol* - Ipratropium + Salbutamol - Tiotropium	Anti-hypertensive and Cardiology (gamot sa alitapresyon at sa puso) - Amlodipine* - Atenolol - Captopril - Clonidine - Diltiazem - Enalapril* - Enalapril + Hydrochlorothiazide - Isosorbide Dinitrate - Isosorbide Mononitrate - Losartan* - Methyldopa - Metoprolol* - Tamsulosin - Telmisartan - Telmisartan + Hydrochlorothiazide - Valsartan - Valsartan + Hydrochlorothiazide
Nervous System Gabapentin	

Patuloy din sa ng mas madaling access pagpapalawak ng network sa mga benepisyong ito. Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon nang 285 YAKAP-ready facilities na nakatugon sa itinakdang readiness

requirements ng PhilHealth. Samantala, may 286 PhilHealth GAMOT Providers ang rehiyon na handang mag-dispense ng covered medicines sa mga miyembro. I-scan ang QR code para matiyak ang availability ng mga kailangang gamot sa malapit na GAMOT pharmacy sa inyong lugar.



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Para sa karagdagang impormasyon at updated na listahan ng YAKAP at GAMOT Providers, maaaring bisitahin ang opisyal na website ng PhilHealth sa www.philhealth.gov.ph o makipag-ugnayan sa pinakamalapit na PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office. **###(JNBC)**

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth"

John 17:17

ENCHANTED KINGDOM PAYS ENCHANTING TRIBUTE TO ALL ELDERLY KINGS AND QUEENS AT FIESTA NG PAGMAMAHAL: A GRANDPARENTS CELEBRATION

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, brought lolos and lolas together with their loved ones for a weekend filled with shared entertainment, exclusive treats, and quality family bonding at Fiesta ng Pagmamahal: A Grandparents Celebration on September 12 and 13.

The two-day festivities were part of the theme park's Love Saribuhay campaign this quarter, which highlights the beauty of the biodiversity of the Philippines, through its people and the iconic Filipino values of love, respect, loyalty, togetherness, and family solidarity. The event specifically paid tribute to grandparents, placing a special spotlight on their enduring role in Filipino families as pillars of wisdom and guidance who nurture strong bonds across generations.

On top of EK's over 30 rides and attractions, families had the opportunity to bond

over the screenings of beloved Filipino films that portrayed heartwarming stories of family, love, and enduring relationships. The movie lineup featured three VIVA Films titles, namely Unforgettable, Miss Granny, and Hating Kapatid, which were screened on both days at Eldar's Theater.

EK also treated the grandparents to well-deserved pampering and relaxation through complimentary wellness services, including hair care, head and shoulder massages, and scalp treatments on September 13. Additionally, they received free medical and health consultations conducted in partnership with Unihealth - Sta. Rosa Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.

The celebration of Philippine biodiversity continues at EK as it builds up to its 31st anniversary, with more events and offerings happening at Fiesta ng Saribuhay this October.

For more information and updates on this and EK's upcoming 31st anniversary events and offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram. ###

PH, INDIA EYE TRADE DEAL TALKS BY NEXT YEAR

MANILA – Authorities are committed to starting discussions on the proposed preferential trade agreement (PTA) between the Philippines and India by next year to maximize economic opportunities and help bolster growth.

In a media interview on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Business Forum at a hotel in Makati City on Wednesday, Indian Ambassador to the Philippines Harsh Kumar Jain said trade between India and the Philippines accounts for about 3 percent of India's trade with the 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

MANILA – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has implemented a new system to improve the tracking, handling and accountability of documents across its offices.

In a statement Thursday, the BIR said it issued Revenue Memorandum Order on Aug. 13 for the pilot implementation of the Document Tracking and Management System (DTMS), an online facility

that allows authorized users to receive, track, manage and store official documents.

The system provides information on a document's status, physical location and chain of custody. It also assigns each document a system-generated Document Control Number (DCN) for reference and monitoring as it moves between BIR offices.

The system incorporates

access controls and data privacy safeguards, with access limited to authorized users and document handling governed by the BIR Data Privacy Manual.

The pilot covers the Resource Management Group, Administrative Service, Records Management Division, and the General Services Division-Communication Operations, Reproduction and Miscellaneous Services Section (GSD-CORMSS).

During the pilot phase, the system will cover memoranda and letters; requests for tax case verification and/or information; active tax case dockets; requests for tax case retrieval; and confidential information.

"Strengthening our internal processes is also part of improving taxpayer service. When our systems are more organized, traceable, and efficient, our people can act more promptly and effectively," BIR Commissioner Charlito Mendoza said. **(PNA) BY ANNA LEAH GONZALES**

He estimated India's trade with ASEAN at USD128 billion, and its trade with the Philippines at USD3.9 billion.

"But the Philippines is a big economy, which is 11.6 percent of the ASEAN GDP (gross domestic product). So, if we compare India's bilateral trade with the Philippines, it is actually just 3 percent of our trade with ASEAN, which is small. That also means that there is a potential for a straight relationship, and that is why we are looking at having a preferential trade agreement between India and the Philippines," he added.

Jain said they have

"already agreed on the terms of reference for the negotiating committee," but noted they still need to wait for the completion of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) next year.

Trade Undersecretary Allan Gepty, who is among the speakers in one of the panels during the event, said discussions are targeted to start next year.

"Our target is that we start the negotiations next year. And, of course, we're trying to rush it out so that we can conclude the same as soon as possible. And that's our goalpost," he said. **(PNA) BY JOANN VILLANUEVA**

BSP ISSUES REQUIREMENTS FOR BANKS SHIFTING TO DIGITAL MODEL

MANILA – The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) recently issued a circular detailing the capital and other requirements of banks shifting to digital bank business models.

Circular No. 1240, issued Sept. 21, states that existing thrift banks (TBs), rural banks (RBs) and cooperative banks that the BSP determines are operating under a business model similar to that of a digital bank must have a minimum capital of PHP1 billion.

The BSP gave these banks six months from receipt of the notice to comply with the requirement.

When a proposed acquisition is intended to transform a TB, RB, or cooperative bank into

a technology-driven business model, the BSP also requires a PHP1-billion minimum capital requirement at the time of application.

The bank must also comply with prudential standards applicable to digital banks.

The BSP may also impose additional requirements, including enhanced supervisory reporting; restrictions on certain activities or new digital products and services; and strengthened risk management and control systems.

The requirements will cover TBs, RBs, and cooperative banks that fall under two conditions.

First, they operate under a business model similar to that of a digital bank

or their risk management systems, and capital is no longer commensurate with their official business model and risk profile.

Second, they use digital platforms to deliver services and record significant growth in loan, or deposit balances.

"The requirements aim to ensure that these banks can adequately manage risks arising from the nature, scale, complexity, and risk profile of their operations," the BSP said.

The circular also allows the BSP to issue additional digital bank licenses, including through the conversion of existing TBs, RBs, and cooperative banks.

This is, however, subject to the applicable licensing

framework for digital banks.

The BSP said a digital banking license will allow them to market their digital services to a wider customer base, including those outside their usual geographic area for business.

Conversion to a digital bank license is subject to review.

The BSP will consider the readiness to run a digital bank, robustness of governance and systems, value proposition, business model, and resource capabilities. Currently, there are seven licensed digital banks in the country. **(PNA) BY ANNA LEAH GONZALES**





PH'S ADRIANO SECURES KUMITE -50KG BRONZE MEDAL IN ASIAN GAMES

MANILA – Marie June Adriano debuted at the 20th Asian Games with a bronze medal in the women's kumite -50kg in karate at the Toyohashi Gymnasium in Nagoya, Japan on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old Human Kinetics student from Polytechnic University of the Philippines defeated Chinese Taipei's Ya-chi Chung, 10-3.

Adriano defeated Cambodia's Srey Phea Chonn, 4-3, and South Korea's Yang Yewon, 4-0, before losing to Hong Kong's Tsang Yee Ting, 4-5, in the semifinals.

Having lost to Chung in two previous encounters, Adriano made the necessary adjustments to finally beat her.

"I placed more trust in my technique – in the

skills I brought with me and what I trained for this competition," Adriano said after giving the country a second medal in karate.

"It means so much to me. As a first-timer, the pressure was definitely intense. I am overjoyed to have been selected and to have won a medal for

the Philippines," said the native of Llanera, Nueva Ecija.

The women's kata team of Rebecca Cyril Torres, Samantha Emmanuelle Veguillas, and Ysabelle Arrogante also bagged the bronze on Tuesday. (PNA)

BY JEAN MALANUM



Marie June Adriano (POC Media Pool)

EALA EXITS SINGAPORE OPEN

MANILA – Third seed Alexandra Eala ended her campaign at the Singapore Open Thursday night after absorbing a 6-4, 5-7, 3-6 loss to Tatiana Prozorova in the second round at the OCBC Arena.

The 22-year-old Russian, who pulled off a 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-2 victory over Belgian Sofia Costoulas after two hours and 51 minutes in the first round, fought hard to beat the world No. 18 Filipino in three hours and nine minutes.

Prozorova, ranked No. 180 in the world, will next face Chinese Xinyu Wang, who prevailed over Taiwanese Joanna Garland, 7-5, 6-4.

Eala, on the other hand, will proceed to Nagoya, Japan for the 20th Asian Games where she's playing in the singles and

doubles (with Shaira Hope Rivera).

It will be Eala's second appearance in the Asian Games after winning the singles and mixed doubles in the 2022 edition held in Hangzhou, China.

Meanwhile, top seed and world's No. 5 Mirra Andreeva downed Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus, 6-4, 6-2, to arrange a quarterfinal showdown with Filipino-Canadian Leylah Fernandez.

The sixth-seeded Fernandez downed American Alicia Parks, 6-4, 6-3.

Fourth seed and defending champion Elise Mertens of Belgium walked over Barbora Krejickova of Czech Republic to advance against fifth seed Maja Chwalinska of Poland,

who clobbered Oleksandra Oliynykova, 6-0, 6-1.

Australian Talia Gibson, who survived Slovakian Viktoria Morvayova, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (1), will meet the winner between Greek Maria Sakkari and Japanese Nao Hibino.

The Singapore Open was upgraded to a 500 event this year to kick off the Asian swing.

The other tournaments are China Open (Sept. 30-Oct. 11), Wuhan Open (Oct. 11-18), Ningbo Open (Oct. 19-25), Japan Open (Oct. 18-25), Toray Pan Pacific Open (Oct. 26-Nov. 1), Guangzhou Open (Oct. 25-Nov. 1), Hong Kong Open (Oct. 31-Nov. 8) and Chennai Open (Nov. 2-8). (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**

SACLAG DELIVERS PH'S FIRST SILVER MEDAL IN ASIAN GAMES

MANILA – Jean Claude Saclag delivered the Philippines' first silver medal in the 20th Asian Games after losing to Otabek Rajabov of Tajikistan, 0-3, in the mixed martial arts men's traditional -65kg final Tuesday at the Nagoya City Inae Sports Center in Japan.

"It's a real shame. I really wanted to win gold. I expected that I could win it. I'm sad — not just because I lost, but because of my performance," Saclag said, admitting that he had expected to perform better, but found it difficult to deal with Rajabov's strength on the ground.

"I thought I had improved, but he was incredibly tight on the ground. I wanted to stand up to get back into the fight, but he just wouldn't let me up," he added.

The 31-year-old Saclag, who hails from Kalinga, won by unanimous decision over Japan's Daisuke Murayama in the semifinals.

"Yes, well fought. Big heart. He apologized. I said, 'That is a rare silver.' Be proud JC," Philippine Sports Commission chairman John Patrick Gregorio in a statement released to the media.

Meanwhile, Carlos Alvarez took the bronze medal in the men's traditional -77kg division following a 0-3 loss to Kazakhstan's Yerkingali Burkutalin in the semifinal.

The 27-year-old Alvarez defeated Indonesia's Ananda Wahyu Setyo Prabowo, 3-0, in the quarterfinals.

Saclag won the silver

medal in wushu sanda -60kg division at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea. In the same year, he bagged the gold at the World Cup in Jakarta, Indonesia.

As a kickboxer, he pocketed three gold medals in the Southeast Asian Games (2019, 2022, and 2023).

Last May, Saclag won the gold medal in the traditional -65kg division at the 4th Asian MMA Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**



Jean Claude Saclag (POC Media Pool)

PH KARATE SQUAD BAGS WOMEN'S KATA BRONZE AT ASIAN GAMES

MANILA – The Philippine karate squad bagged the bronze medal in the women's kata team event Tuesday at the 20th Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan.

The team of Samantha Veguillas, Rebecca Cyril Torres and Ysabelle Arrogante conquered Thailand's Ramitar Terananon, Monsicha Sakulrattanatarata and Phatcharin Plangplai, 4-1, at Toyohashi Gymnasium. The Filipinos clobbered Cambodians Sreynuch

Puthea, Oun Sreyda and That Chhenghorng, 5-0, but fell to the Iranians, 0-5, in the semifinals.

"We didn't think about who our opponents were. We just claimed the bronze for ourselves," Arrogante said in a news release.

"It has been a long journey. My teammates and I have been through so much hardship. There were many losses over the years, but we just kept performing and fighting until the very end," Torres added.

A day before the event, the team learned that the Philippines has qualified for the Karate World Cup this November in Hangzhou, China.

"We were inspired, so we will keep this going -- the positive results," Arrogante said.

Head coach Sonny Montalvo commended his athletes for their immense dedication.

"A big boost for karate. We've seen that Filipinos are talented. We just need to have confidence. This will also inspire the delegation here. There are still many others set to compete," he said.

The Philippines also took home two karate bronze medals from past Asian Games coming from Filipino-Japanese Junna Tsukii (Jakarta 2018) and Sakura Alforte (Hangzhou 2023).

Alforte, an individual kata specialist, missed this year's Asiad due to a new ruling requiring all squad members to compete in the team event. (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**



PODIUM FINISH. The Philippines defeats Thailand, 4-1, to bag the women's kata team bronze medal in karate at the 20th Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan on Tuesday (Sept. 22, 2026). From left are Samantha Veguillas, Rebecca Cyril Torres and Ysabelle Arrogante. (POC Media Pool photo)