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## CAVITE BARANGAYS WELCOME SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS UNDER BAWAT BARANGAY MAKIKINABANG PROGRAM

**CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA)**—Barangays across Cavite Province are looking forward to building safer communities where students can finish their studies without worrying about their safety and daily commutes.

During the Cavite leg of the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang Program last September 11, Toto Cantimbuhan, President of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Dasmariñas City, thanked President

Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for launching an initiative that ensures government projects are responsive to community needs.

"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. para sa programang direktang ibinigay sa mga barangay. Sana hindi lang ito ang simula at sana ay magtuloy-tuloy ito."

Having served as a barangay official for 15 years, Cantimbuhan noted that this is the first time a

national program brought benefits that were tailor-fit to their community needs.

"Napakasaya ng barangay namin dahil sa 15 taon na panunungkulan namin, first time nagkaroon ng programa ang Pangulo at ang pamahalaang nasynunal na direktang ibinababa sa barangay; mga programa kung saan pangangailangan ng barangay ang inuuna."

In partnership with the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Bawat

Barangay Makikinabang Program is a national government initiative that provides direct financial assistance worth P200,000 to every barangay across the country.

The two-pronged financial grant allocates P100,000 for education through a scholarship for five college students, and another P100,000 for other priority infrastructure, security, and social projects.

Cantimbuhan also acknowledged the Office of the Executive Secretary for helping bridge the program for barangays.

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. para sa programang direktang ibinigay sa mga barangay. Sana hindi lang ito ang simula at sana ay magtuloy-tuloy ito. Kay Executive Secretary Ralph Recto naman, salamat sa inyong mensahe at kayo ang binigyan ng pagkakataon ng pangulo na maghatid nito sa amin."

Meanwhile, Tanza Mayor

Archangelo Matro noted that many barangays are prioritizing service vehicle upgrades and scholarship grants to improve public service delivery.

"Sa meeting ng aming mga barangay, ang kanilang priority ay 'yung mga scholarship at additional na mga sasakyan na kanilang magagamit sa pagseserbisyo sa kanilang lugar."

"Maraming salamat po sa ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos at kay Executive Secretary Ralph Recto. Napakalaking tulong nito sa aming lalawigan. Sana po ay ulanin pa kayo ng maraming biyaya para maipadala n'yong rin po dito sa aming lalawigan ng Cavite."

Matro said he hopes that aside from social services, their town can also benefit from national housing projects, highlighting their vulnerability to severe weather and monsoons.

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION BRINGS CARE TO IMUSENOS



The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a Medical and Dental Mission in Barangay Alapan 2A, Imus City, on September

10, 2026, bringing free healthcare services closer to the community.

Services rendered included 435 medical consultations, 80 dental extractions, 61 ECG screenings, and 75 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, with free medicines provided, serving a total of 651 beneficiaries.

The Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) Medical Team, in coordination with the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Imus City, delivered the medical services, while a team of dentists from Imus provided dental care. The activity was supported by barangay officials, Barangay Health Workers and Nutrition Scholars, who assisted in coordinating and attending to beneficiaries.

The initiative reflects the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing commitment to bringing accessible and responsive healthcare services directly to communities across the province. — **OPIO**

"Wish po namin na patuloy pong makapaghatid [ang Pangulo] ng tulong sa aming lalawigan, at sa bayan ng Tanza. Ang bayan ng Tanza ay daanan ng bagyo. Napakarami po naming mga evacuee kahit walang bagyo at habagat lang. Sana magkaroon kami ng housing projects na mapaglipatan po." (PB-PIA CALABARZON) **BY PATRICIA BERMUDEZ**



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## MUNICIPAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON ARRESTED IN JOINT CAVITE-PAMPANGA MANHUNT OPERATION

### Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite

—A Municipal Level Listed Most Wanted Person was arrested during a joint manhunt operation conducted by the Naic Municipal Police Station, under the supervision of PLTCOL LOUIE DC GONZAGA, Chief of Police, in coordination with the Candaba Municipal Police Station, Pampanga Police Provincial Office, at around 3:20 in the afternoon September 17, 2026, in Barangay Bucana Sasahan, Naic, Cavite.

Personnel of the Warrant Section of Naic MPS, as the lead unit, together with personnel of Candaba MPS, successfully tracked down and apprehended the accused, identified as alias "JOS," by virtue of a Warrant of Arrest for violation of Section 11, Article II of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

The Warrant of Arrest was issued and signed by the Presiding Judge on September 15, 2026, with a recommended bail of PHP 120,000.00.

Following his arrest, the accused was duly apprised of his constitutional rights and brought to the Naic

Municipal Police Station for proper documentation and disposition. The Warrant of Arrest will be returned to the Court of Origin for appropriate legal proceedings.

According to PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, the successful arrest underscores the Cavite PNP's unwavering resolve to pursue wanted persons through sustained manhunt operations, intelligence-sharing, and close coordination with partner law enforcement units.

"Wanted persons cannot outrun the law. This arrest is a clear result of determined police work, timely information-sharing, and strong inter-unit coordination. We will continue to pursue individuals with standing warrants wherever they may be, working hand in hand with our fellow law enforcement units to ensure that they are brought before the proper court. The Cavite PNP remains relentless in enforcing the law, protecting our communities, and ensuring that every operation is carried out with professionalism, accountability, and full respect for constitutional rights," said PCOL RED.

## HIGH-VALUE INDIVIDUAL, ARESTADO: P342,040 HALAGANG SUSPECTED SHABU, NASAMSAM NG PROVINCIAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

### Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite

—Arestado ang isang High-Value Individual sa isinagawang buy-bust operation ng Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit dakong alas-8:00 ng gabi noong September 15, 2026, sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite, na nagresulta rin sa pagkakasamsam ng hinihinalang shabu na may kabuuang gross weight na humigit-kumulang 50.3 gramo nang ito ay masamsam.

Kinilala ang naarestong suspek na si alyas "Je," residente ng Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Siya ay kinilalang High-Value Individual.

Isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng PDEU ang buy-bust operation laban sa nasabing suspek. Nasamsam mulasuspek ang dalawang (2) heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets na naglalaman ng puting mala-kristal na substansiyang hinihinalang shabu, na may gross weight na humigit-kumulang 50.3 gramo nang masamsam at may tinatayang Standard Drug Price na P342,040.00. Matapos markahan at muling timbangin kasama ang kaukulang markings, naglala ang mga ito ng kabuuang gross weight na humigit-kumulang 50.85 gramo.

Nasamsam din ang isang

(1) tunay na Five Hundred Peso (P500.00) bill na nilagyan ng powder dust na ginamit bilang buy-bust money.

Ang mga nakumpiskang drug-related evidence ay dadalhin sa Cavite Provincial Forensic Unit sa Imus City, Cavite para sa laboratory examination. Samantala, inihahanda na ang mga kaukulang dokumento laban sa naarestong suspek para sa inquest proceedings sa Office of the City Prosecutor.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paigingtingin ng Cavite PNP ang mga operasyon laban sa illegal drugs upang mapanagot ang mga sangkot sa kalakalan nito at maprotektahan ang seguridad at kapakanan ng komunidad.

## IMUS PNP ARRESTS REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON IN MAKATI CITY

### Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite

—In an intensified campaign against wanted person led by the personnel of Imus Component City Police Station resulted in the arrest of a Regional Level Most Wanted Person at on September 17, 2026, in Barangay Olimpia, Makati City.

PLTCOL CHEY CHEY I SAULOG, Chief of Police of Imus CCPS, identified the accused as alias CRIS, 45 years old and presently residing in Imus City, Cavite.

He was arrested by the personnel of Imus Component City Police Station with the assistance of personnel from the 401st A Maneuver Company, RMFB4A.

The operation was conducted by a virtue of a Warrant of Arrest for violation of Sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act No. 9165. The warrant

was issued and signed by the Presiding Judge of the Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 123, Imus City, Cavite, dated September 7, 2026.

Upon his arrest, the accused was informed of his constitutional rights in a dialect known to him and opted to remain silent in the absence of his chosen counsel.

Records further showed that the accused had been convicted for two counts of violation of Section 12, Article II of RA 9165. He is currently detained at the Imus Detention Facility pending the return of the warrant to the Court of Origin.

Provincial Director PCOL ARIEL R RED said that the arrest reflects the Cavite police force's continuing commitment to locating wanted persons and ensuring that those with standing warrants face the appropriate legal proceedings. He also reminded police personnel to carry out every operation within the bounds of the law, with proper documentation and full respect for the constitutional rights of persons under arrest.

## REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA DALAWANG BILANG NG STATUTORY RAPE, ARESTADO NG GENERAL TRIAS PULIS

### Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite

—Arestado ang isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person sa isinagawang operasyon ng General Trias City Police

Station dakong alas-9:00 ng gabi noong September 15, 2026, sa Barangay Pasong Kawayan 2, General Trias City, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL ARCHIMEDES L BAKING, OIC ng General Trias CCPS, ang naarestong akusado na si alyas "Almer," residente ng Barangay Pasong Kawayan 2, General Trias City, Cavite. Siya ay nakalista bilang Regional Level Most Wanted Person. Isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng General Trias CCPS ang operasyon laban sa nasabing wanted person, na nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto sa bisa ng dalawang Warrant of Arrest para sa kasong Statutory Rape, defined and penalized under Article 266-A, Paragraph (d) ng Revised Penal Code na inilabas noong September 9, 2026 ng Presiding Judge ng Family Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 5, Trece Martires City, na may

no bail recommended. Matapos ang kanyang pagkakaaresto, ipinaalam sa akusado ang kalikasan at dahilan ng kanyang pag-aresto at ang kanyang mga karapatang konstitusyonal. Ang akusado ay kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng General Trias Custodial Facility, Barangay Bagumbayan, General Trias City, Cavite, habang hinihintay ang pagbabalik ng mga warrant sa Court of Origin at ang kaukulang Commitment Order.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, ang agarang pagpapatupad ng mga warrant of arrest sa mga kasong may kinalaman sa karahasan at pang-aabuso ay mahalaga upang mapanagot ang mga lumalabag sa batas at higit na maprotektahan ang mga miyembro ng komunidad, lalo na ang mga kabataan.

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## HANDOG NG PANGULO BRINGS GOVERNMENT SERVICES CLOSER TO CAVITENOS

More than 5,000 Caviteños benefited from various government services and assistance during Handog ng Pangulo, Serbisong Sapat para sa Lahat, a government service convergence initiative held on September 14 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, simultaneously with activities in various cities and provinces nationwide.

Leading the Cavite activity was DILG Secretary Juanito Victor Remulla, together with Governor Abeng Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, 7th District Representative Ping Remulla, provincial board members, and mayors from Cavite's cities and municipalities.

The activity brought together the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) and participating national government agencies (NGAs), providing one-stop access to essential services, livelihood and agricultural assistance, educational support, legal services, health care, employment opportunities, and other government programs.

Among the major assistance provided was the Rice Distribution Program, which served 5,000 beneficiaries from Barangay Cabuco, Trece Martires City.

Participating agencies also delivered substantial sector-specific assistance. TESDA distributed allowances, training support funds, starter toolkits, and scholarship vouchers, while NIA Cavite-Batangas awarded livelihood projects, including a P300,000 Rice-Duck Farming Livelihood Project, P210,000 High-Value Crop Production with Drip Irrigation System Project, and P500,000 RTL Chicken Project for the CY 2026 Most Outstanding Irrigators Association at the regional level.

The Department of Agriculture provided P4,034,902 worth of agricultural programs and services, while DTI-Cavite awarded P673,000 for an Ideation, Design, and

Development Laboratory and P580,000 for a Coffee Roasting Facility.

For education and migrant assistance, CHED RO IV-A granted P1.86 million in UniFAST assistance to qualified Cavite State University grantees, while DMW RO IV-A extended P8.1 million through the AKSYON Fund for overseas Filipino workers in need.

Meanwhile, BFAR IV-A provided three FRP boats worth P210,000, P1.8 million worth of inputs for three HDPE fish cages, and P15 million for the establishment of a Common Post-Harvest Facility under the FishCoRe Project.

Legal and public assistance were also made available through the Department of Justice-Office of the Provincial Prosecutor-Cavite, Public Attorneys Office, Department of Agrarian Reform-Cavite, Bureau of Immigration, OWWA RWO IV-A, Land Registration Authority-Registry of Deeds, and Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation. The DOH Center for Health Development-CALABARZON likewise turned over assistive devices, including wheelchairs, canes, and crutches, to identified beneficiaries.

The PGC, through the Office of the Governor Medical Mission Team, provided medical and dental consultations, while the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) facilitated a job fair for Caviteños seeking local and overseas employment.

The Handog ng Pangulo highlighted the government's commitment to bringing services closer to the people through a coordinated, one-stop delivery of programs and assistance. Through the convergence of the PGC and participating NGAs, Caviteños gained easier access to services supporting their health, livelihood, education, agriculture, employment, legal concerns, and overall welfare. — **OPIO**

## MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION HELD IN BARANGAY BACAO, GENERAL TRIAS CITY

On September 9, 2026, a Medical and Dental Mission was successfully conducted in Barangay Bacao 2, General Trias City, providing essential healthcare services to residents of the community. A total of 490 patients were served during the mission, with 412 patients receiving medical consultations and 42 patients availing of dental services. Additional diagnostic services were also provided, including 11 ECG tests and 25 FBS (Fasting Blood Sugar) tests.

The activity was attended by City Councilor Kyle Salazar, who joined and supported the community

healthcare initiative.

The mission was made possible through the assistance of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs). Dental services were provided by the City of General Trias dental team, while medical consultations were conducted by healthcare professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital.

The activity reflects the continuing efforts to bring accessible healthcare services closer to residents and address their basic medical and dental needs within the community. — **OPIO**

## ARANGKADA PROGRAM IN BACOR

Today, September 15, 2026, Governor Abeng Remulla led the Provincial Government of Cavite's Arangkada Program at the Strike Gymnasium in Bacoor City, extending financial assistance to community drivers to help ease the cost of their daily operations and support their livelihoods.

Joining Governor Abeng were Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista and 2nd

District Board Member Alde Pagulayan, together with Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla, Mayor Strike Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The Arangkada Program continues its province-wide rollout, bringing assistance closer to Cavite's transportation sector.

## FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES AT MONTANO HALL, CAVITE CITY

The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a free medical and dental mission at Montano Hall in Cavite City, on September 15, 2026, providing accessible healthcare services to the community.

The activity was led by the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team, in coordination with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, with the support of the local government of Cavite City

under the leadership of Mayor Denver Chua and Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit. Also present to show their support were City Councilors Jet Barrera, Daryl Solis, Maureen Lu, and Emily Tirona.

A total of 654 patients benefited from the program, including 517 medical consultations, 62 dental treatments, 57 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and 18 electrocardiogram (ECG) services. — **OPIO**

## EDITORIAL

### Paghabantay sa Karagatang Pilipino

Ang pagdami ng mga Chinese military survey ship sa maritime domain ng Pilipinas ay isang usaping nararapat pagtuunan ng seryosong pansin. Ang pangangalap ng detalyadong datos tungkol sa seabed at karagatan ay maaaring magkaroon ng implikasyon sa seguridad, lalo na kung isinasagawa malapit sa mahahalagang imprastruktura.

Bilang isang malayang bansa, mahalagang tiyakin ng Pilipinas na ang anumang hydrographic o oceanographic survey ng mga dayuhang barko ay naaayon sa umiiral na batas.

Dapat ding maging maagap ang pamahalaan sa pagmamamnan at dokumentasyon ng mga ganitong aktibidad upang mapangalagaan ang pambansang interes.

Mahalaga ang mahinahon ngunit matatag na pagpapatupad ng ating mga karapatan sa karagatan alinsunod sa pambansa at internasyonal na batas. Sa huli, ang pagbabantay sa ating maritime domain ay mahalagang bahagi ng pagpapanatili ng soberanya at seguridad ng bansa.

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-versus-

**MARJORIE R. DE LEON,**  
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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:

**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
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In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2019002727 which embraces and describes the land located at SILANG JUNCTION WEST, TAGAYTAY CITY, CAVITE with an area of TEN THOUSAND (10,000) Square Meter, is register in the name of:

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## PANGARAP MULA SA USOK NG TINAPA

**CARD Inc.**

Sa barangay ng Nanguma sa Mabitac, Laguna, isang babae ang abala sa pagpepreserba ng mga isda bilang produkto upang kalaunan ay maibenta niya sa kanilang bayan.

Si Sheryl Jamillo, ngayoy 46 taong gulang, ay dating full-time housewife na nag-aalaga sa kanyang siyam na anak. Para sa kanya, hindi biro ang magpalaki ng anak at mag-asikaso sa buong pamilya. Ngunit mas naging mahirap ito dahil sa kita ng kanyang asawa lamang sila umaasa.

Bilang bunga ng ganitong sitwasyon, naglakas-loob si Sheryl na maghanap ng mapagkakakitaan habang inaalaagan ang kanyang pamilya. Ngunit dahil unang taon lamang ng hayskul ang kanyang natapos, hindi naging madali para sa kanya ang makahanap ng trabahong may pagkakataon din na maalagaan ang kanyang mga anak. Kaya naman

sa kaniyang buong kakayahan, sinubukan niyang magnegosyo. Nagsimula siyang bumili ng wholesale na tinapa upang ipagbenta sa kanilang bayan.

Noong 2016, nakilala ni Sheryl ang CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) matapos maimbitahan ng isang kaibigan at kalaunan ay naging kliyente nito. Sa pamamagitan ng mga serbisyong pampinansiyal na maaari niyang ma-avail bilang kliyente, nabago rin ang pananaw ni Sheryl tungkol sa negosyo.

Sa halip na maging reseller ng mga tinapa, napagdesisyonan ni Sheryl na aralin kung paano ito mismo gawin. Gamit ang kaniyang unang loan sa CARD, Inc., pinasimulan niya ang paggawa ng sarili niyang tinapa. Hinarap niya ang pagod mula sa paghahanap ng magagandang isda at sa paglilinis ng mga

ito. Matiyaga niyang inalar ang pagtitimpla at pagpapausok sa mga isda hanggang sa makagawa na siya ng sarili niyang mga tinapa.

Dahil si Sheryl na mismo ang nagtitimpla ng mga tinapang kaniyang ibinebenta, nagkaroon siya ng pagkakataong pasarapin pa lalo ang lasa nito. Sa kaniyang paggawa, nasiguro niyang perpeto ang pagkakatatimpla ng mga tinapa.

Bukod sa pagpapasarap ng lasa, pinagbuti rin ni Sheryl ang hitsura ng mga ito. Sinisiguro niyang ginintuan mula sa pagkakausok ang hitsura ng bawat tinapa at iniingatang hindi ito masira upang magmukha itong kagana-gana. "Kasi kung masarap nga siya, eh kung mukha namang madungis, hindi rin siya kaagad bibilhin," sabi niya. Para kay Sheryl, kung gaano kasarap ang produkto, dapat ganoon din kaganda ang hitsura nito.

Dahil dito, lalo nang nakilala ng mga kustomer ang kaniyang sariling gawang tinapa at muling bumabalik sa kaniya upang bumili pa ng mas marami. Sa loob ng halos sampung taon bilang kliyente ng CARD, Inc., nasubukan na ni Sheryl ang iba't ibang loan services nito. Kabilang dito ang educational loan para sa pag-aaral at enrollment ng kanyang mga anak, lalo na para sa kanyang ikaapat na anak na ngayon ay papasok na sa kolehiyo. Nakapag-avail na rin siya ng housing loan na ginamit niya sa pagpapatayo ng kanilang bahay sa Brgy. Nanguma.

Dumarating din ang mga pagsubok sa kanyang negosyo, lalo na kapag matumal ang benta at tumataas ang presyo ng isda. Ngunit naitatawid ito ni Sheryl sa tulong ng mga business loan niya na naging daan upang makabawi siya sa kanyang paggawa at pagtitinda ng tinapa. Malakirin ang tulong ng kanyang pag-iipon sa nasabing microfinance na institusyon, pagkat dito niya natitiyak na mayroon siyang mawi-withdraw sa panahon ng kagipitan.

Sa ngayon, patuloy pa rin siyang binibilan ng tinapa ng kaniyang mga kustomer. Ang iba sa kanilang may tindahan ay kumukuha ng wholesale sa kaniya. Isa naman sa kaniyang mga loyal na kustomer ay bumibili rin sa kaniya nang wholesale upang i-resell ang mga tinapa sa ibang bansa.

Sa lahat ng ito, ang payo ni Sheryl ay simple lamang: "Tiyaga lang. Tapos kapag mahirap ang panahon ng negosyo, e di konting tipid." Nais ni Sheryl na patuloy pang palaguin ang kanyang pagtitinapa upang balang araw ay maipamana niya ito sa kanyang mga anak.

Katulad ng usok sa kaniyang tinapa na nangingibabaw pataas, nagsimula lang si Sheryl kumita para sa pamilya. Ngunit higit pa sa pagtatawid sa pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan, lalo pa siyang nagsumikap, pinagtagumpayan ang mga hamon sa negosyo, at natutong mangarap.

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)  
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Si Sheryl Jamillo mula sa Mabitac, Laguna, sa kanyang bagong gawang tinapa na naka-handa nang ibenta.

## P74-B PHILHEALTH BUDGET EYED IN 2027, P19B FOR IMPROVED BENEFITS

**MANILA** — The government has proposed a PHP74.45-billion allocation for the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) in 2027, including PHP19 billion to improve benefit packages and support other priority health interventions.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) said the proposed funding aims to strengthen health benefits for

Filipinos, particularly for mental health and severe malnutrition, while also providing assistance to local government unit (LGU) hospitals.

The allocation will also cover the national government's premium subsidies for qualified PhilHealth beneficiaries, with about 11.09 million beneficiaries targeted in 2027, up from around 10.65 million this year.

The proposal comes as the government seeks to reduce the amount Filipino families pay out of pocket for medical care.

In September, the DBM approved PHP10.377 billion for the implementation of Zero Balance Billing (ZBB), including PHP9.377 billion for Department of Health (DOH) hospitals nationwide and PHP1 billion for six pilot LGU hospitals

in Benguet, Batangas, Laguna, Quezon, Aklan and Sarangani.

The DBM also released an additional PHP800 million to the Philippine General Hospital, specifically for ZBB.

DBM Acting Secretary Kim Robert de Leon said government health spending should translate into direct assistance for patients.

"Every peso we release

for health must ultimately reach the patient," De Leon said.

Following the approval of the ZBB funding, De Leon said no Filipino should have to choose between seeking medical care and protecting their family from unaffordable hospital bills.

"This P10.377-billion release is about making sure that when our people get sick, government is there to help carry the burden," he said.

The proposed PhilHealth allocation is part of the government's PHP353.8-billion health sector investment for 2027.

The proposed health

budget also includes PHP107.29 billion for the operations of 72 DOH regional hospitals and other health facilities, PHP25.39 billion for the National Health Workforce Support System and PHP3.75 billion for the Cancer Assistance Fund.

PhilHealth received a total of PHP129.8 billion this year after its initial PHP53.13-billion subsidy was supplemented by a PHP60-billion funding recovery boost and an additional PHP16.52 billion from the bicameral conference committee. (PNA) **BY DARRYL JOHN ESGUERRA**

## CPD: 14.1% OF FILIPINOS STILL USE TRADITIONAL FAMILY PLANNING METHODS

**MANILA** — The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on Thursday said that despite the steady rise in modern contraceptive use in the country, about 14.1 percent of Filipinos still rely on traditional family planning methods such as withdrawal and the calendar method.

Mylin Mirasol Quiray, chief of the CPD Information Management and Communications Division, noted that the proportion of traditional-method users declined from 16.5 percent in 2022, but the remaining number is still significant and needs attention.

"Nagdi-decline naman iyong gumagamit ng traditional method tulad ng withdrawal at ng calendar, so noong 2022, 16.5 percent, tapos noong 2025 14.1 percent. Pero if we translate that into absolute numbers, iyong 14.1 percent na decrease ay malaki pa din kung titingnan talaga natin (The use of traditional methods like withdrawal and the calendar is also declining, so in 2022, it was 16.5

percent, and then in 2025, it was 14.1 percent. But if we translate that into absolute numbers, the 14.1 percent decrease is still significant when we really look at it) in absolute numbers," Quiray said in a Bagong Pilipinas interview.

She said that, based on the National Demographic and Health Survey, the modern contraceptive prevalence rate increased from 25 percent in 1993 to 44.5 percent in 2025.

"So, noong 2022, 41.8 percent, and in 2025, 44.5 percent, ibig sabihin, mas marami nang Pilipino ang nagpapalano ng kanilang pamilya. But mayroon pa ring mga traditional method users tulad ng withdrawal at calendar method, so iyon pa rin ang gusto nating ma-address dahil alam naman natin na ang withdrawal at calendar ay hindi effective para sa ating mga kababayan (in 2022, 41.8 percent and in 2025, 44.5 percent, which means more Filipinos are planning their families. But there are still traditional method users like the withdrawal

and calendar method, so that is still what we want to address because we know that withdrawal and calendar methods are not effective for our fellow countrymen)," she explained.

Quiray said the increase means more Filipinos are using family planning to decide when to have children and how to space pregnancies.

She, however, noted that myths and misconceptions about contraception remain a challenge, particularly in communities where people continue to depend on traditional methods.

Among the misconceptions she cited were claims that contraceptive pills cause cancer and that vasectomy is equivalent to castration.

She said the CPD is working with local governments to improve information dissemination and ensure that family planning services reach communities, particularly geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

Quiray said health workers, population officers and workers also

remain crucial in providing accurate information directly to communities.

While family planning use has improved, Quiray said unmet needs remain among women with lower levels of education and those from poorer households.

She said the CPD continues to coordinate with local governments to reach these groups and provide both information and services.

Meanwhile, for young people, the agency is also directing them to [malayaako.ph](http://malayaako.ph) and its 'Usap Tayo sa Family Planning' Facebook page for proper reproductive health information.

The CPD will also launch Project Laya, a reproductive health initiative intended to help improve family planning and reproductive health services, noting that the agency's broader approach is to give Filipino men and women access to information so they can make informed decisions about whether and when to have children. (PNA) **BY MARITA MOAJE**

## PH EMPLOYS 'ANTICIPATORY ACTION' TO MITIGATE EFFECTS OF DISASTERS

**MANILA** — The Philippines is using "anticipatory action" as part of its efforts in mitigating the effects of disasters, Office of Civil Defense (OCD) administrator Undersecretary Harold Cabrereros said Tuesday.

"Recently, we introduced our concept of anticipatory action. That's one of our thrusts in coming up with our predictive actions in all the risks we are confronting. So, as mentioned also by our President (Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.), we've already gone through the reactive mode to proactive, and now we are going through (the) predictive mode. So, this is in consonance with our anticipatory action," he said during the press briefing for the ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Disaster Resilience (AMCDR) held at the

Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

The Philippines earlier enacted Republic Act 12287, also known as Declaration of the State of Imminent Disaster Act, that empowers local governments to do anticipatory action before disaster strike.

The AMCDR, set from Sept. 15 to 16 in Manila, is a flagship event in the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN chairship and designed to address one of the region's most persistent and costly challenges: its exposure to disaster.

Cabrereros said the Philippines' inclusion to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) will allow the country to toughen up its critical and sensitive facilities.

"We have to strengthen it, particularly those rendering basic services, like our hospitals, our schools, and so on. And that also includes complying to our National Building Code," he said. "We have to strengthen and make our buildings more resilient."

The OCD chief said the country needs to beef up its disaster resilience not only to reduce casualties, losses or damages but also to see to it that people's daily lives will have continuity.

"So, we have to learn to adapt to it, and, of course, to also learn to prevent the occurrence of these hazards," he added. (PNA) **BY PRIAM NEPOMUCENO**

## LAWMAKER CALLS FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE INTEGRATION INTO 911

**MANILA** — House of Representatives Committee on Public Order and Safety Vice Chairperson, Abra lone district Rep. JB Bernos, on Thursday urged local government units (LGUs) to integrate their emergency response systems into the Unified 911 Emergency Hotline to avoid confusion and address system lapses.

"We need complete buy-in from LGUs if Unified 911 is to succeed. Ang mangyayari kasi, kung

hindi integrated ang local emergency response sa Unified 911, magkakaroon ng duplication sa serbisyo (If the local emergency response is not integrated into the unified emergency services system, it will lead to a duplication of services)," Bernos said in a news release.

"Maililito rin ang tao kung kanino sila dudulog sa oras ng sakuna (The public will also get confused on which agency to approach in time of crisis)."

The Unified 911

Emergency Hotline is the country's centralized network, linking the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and LGUs to provide 24/7 assistance anywhere in the Philippines.

The lawmaker battled for Unified 911's ease of recall, saying three digits are much easier to memorize and save people the hassle of having to find the number

of their LGU's emergency command center.

He called for continued cooperation and coordination among agencies and LGUs so the system could respond to emergencies more efficiently and effectively.

"This is a new system, and understandably there will be growing pains. That is why it is necessary that all public order and safety stakeholders work together to improve it,"

Bernos said.

He also called for proper funding to ensure that Unified 911's capacity is strengthened, such as through the hiring of call-takers to reduce queue times, along with heavy investments in necessary technology.

According to the DILG, Unified 911 currently handles an average of 70,000 calls daily. (PNA) **BY JOSE CIELITO REGANIT**

## LEYTE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEARLY P1M WORTH OF ARMCHAIRS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AMID SCHOOL CHALLENGES

**VILLABA, Leyte (PIA)** — A donation of nearly P1 million worth of armchairs and other equipment is bringing much-needed support to schools in Villaba town in Leyte, as they continue to face challenges in replacing worn and dilapidated armchairs that students have used over the years.

The schools maintain that having a proper chair to sit on is more than just a matter of comfort, as it is part of creating a classroom environment conducive to learning.

The local government unit of Villaba, together with school officials from various recipient schools, recently welcomed nearly P1 million worth of armchairs and other school and medical equipment donated by Latter-day Saint (LDS) Charities, providing much-needed support amid challenges in classroom fixtures and equipment.

The donation was formally received by Villaba Vice Mayor Edgar Veloso during a ceremony held at the school, witnessed by school heads from seven recipient campuses and local health workers.

"We are grateful for this generous donation of armchairs because it will help address the needs of our public schools. While the local government continues to do its best to respond to the needs of our communities, we cannot do everything alone. Partnerships like this allow us to provide our schools with better facilities and a more conducive environment for learning," Veloso said.

The donation comes at a time when local governments and public schools continue to face competing needs, making support from private organizations and charitable groups valuable in filling gaps in basic educational requirements.

School officials from the recipient schools in Villaba said the new armchairs are

expected to help address the shortage of suitable classroom furniture and provide their learners with more comfortable and appropriate seating during lessons.

Helen Paroco, head teacher of Hinabuyan National High School, said the school had long been hoping to provide new armchairs for its students.

"The school started using worn-out chairs for students to sit on. We have been making requests since 2022. From a simple request, we now celebrate a reality," Paroco said.

She added that adequate classroom fixtures are essential in maintaining an environment where students can focus on their studies. Worn-out or insufficient chairs, they noted, can affect both the comfort of learners and the delivery of classroom instruction.

The humanitarian arm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints donated P677,600 worth of plastic armchairs and P236,500 worth of medical supplies, bringing the total value of the donations to P914,100.

The medical equipment included rapid dengue test kits, sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, fetal dopplers, glucometers, glucometer strips, and glucometer lancets.

Arnold Daradal, president of The Church's Ormoc Philippines Stake (diocese), said the donation follows the example of Jesus Christ in serving others.

"Christ taught us the importance of service and loving our neighbors. We are trying to bless not just the church members, but also non-members because we believe that all of us are children of God," Daradal told local officials.

LDS Charities' efforts are focused on relieving suffering, fostering self-reliance, and providing opportunities for individuals and communities to serve others.

## CSC-XI JOB FAIR OPENS DOORS TO ASPIRING PUBLIC SERVANTS

**DAVAO CITY (PIA)** — The Civil Service Commission Region XI (CSC-XI) has concluded its two-day job fair, offering a wide range of government employment opportunities and public services to Dabawenyos.

Held in celebration of the 126th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA), the activity was conducted in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to bring employment and public services closer to Filipinos.

One of the applicants, Arvin Garret Arbizio of Tigatto, Davao City, who has worked in government for more than two years, expressed his desire to take a new leap by joining the Department of Education.

He also emphasized the importance of the job fair in opening opportunities for aspiring public servants and thanked the government for organizing the activity.

"Dako gyud kaayo siyag tabang sa mga wala pa'y trabaho karon, ug para matagaan og chance ang ubang katawhan nga maka-apply sa government," Arbizio stated.

(It is truly a big help to those who are currently unemployed, giving other people a chance to apply for a job in the

government.)

"Nagapasalamat gyud ko sa Civil Service and other government agencies nga nag participate. Hopefully daghan pa silag matabangan nga kapreha nako nga nangita pod og job sa karon nga panahon," he added.

(I am truly grateful to the Civil Service and other participating government agencies. Hopefully, they can help more people, like me, who are also looking for a job during these times.)

Another applicant, Sherwin Dave Dominguez, 27, from Sasa, also shared his hope of joining the Department of Education.

He also highlighted the relevance of the job fair for unemployed individuals and fresh graduates.

"Dako kaayog tabang sa mga unemployed ug mga fresh graduates para makapangita og trabaho," he said.

(This job fair is really a huge help to unemployed individuals and fresh graduates in finding employment.)

CSC-XI Regional Director Atty. Prisco S. Rivera, Jr. said that the activity not only provided job opportunities in the government sector but also extended services from other agencies.

"Hindi lang dito sa Davao City yung ino-offer na jobs, meron din sa ibang probinsya within the Davao Region. Inimbita namin sila para dito magpunta at dito mag-apply yung mga applicants natin," Rivera noted.

(The job opportunities are not confined to Davao City alone, as positions are also available across various provinces in the Davao Region. We have invited these participating agencies and employers here to provide a central venue for our job seekers to apply.)

Various positions were offered during the job fair, including permanent and contractual posts from the Mindanao Development Authority

## AFTER 25-YEAR WAIT, BACOORENO FAMILIES BECOME HOMEOWNERS UNDER EXPANDED 4PH

**BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA)** — After 25 years of waiting, residents of Salinas Bacoor, Inc. and Salinasville Phase II can finally call their government housing a home after receiving their Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT).

Last September 10, the Department of Human Settlements and Development (DHSUD) and Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) led the distribution of TCTs to more than 200 individuals, as part of the government's bid to give informal settler families a permanent home.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Ailing and SHFC President Federico Laxa awarded the certificates to the families of Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association. The program, which was part of the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program (ECMP) under the Expanded Pambansang

Pabahay Para sa Pamilyang Pilipino (4PH) Program, aimed to help families secure ownership over their homes.

Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla of Cavite's Second District, highlighted Bacoor City's housing challenges which was caused by relocation projects. Through the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program, the lawmaker underscored the government's commitment to provide decent and secure homes for every family.

"Isang malaking suliranin sa lungsod ng Bacoor ang reloksasyon at resettlement. How can we resettle and relocate if we do not have enough houses to build, at kung walang sapat na pondo na DHSUD?"

The lawmaker and thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., whose flagship housing program paved the way for more Filipinos to claim ownership over their homes.

"Itong araw na ito ay patunay na matibay ang Samahan ng pabahay at ng local government unit ng lungsod ng Bacoor, and the national government sa tulong ng ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos."

The awarding of the TCTs marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Bayanihan Homeowners' Association Salinas after 25 years. For President Ruelito Garcia, they can finally call their houses their own.

"Ito 'yung bunga nung pinaghirapan namin ng 25 years., at ipinagkaloob na ito sa amin. Dumaan tayo sa mga pagsubok, bilang homeowners association tulad ng mga monthly dues."

Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association are among the 47 approved ECMP project since the program was revived and expanded under the Expanded 4PH.

To date, the DHSUD has estimated 8,000 member-beneficiaries since the project's 2025 expansion. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, City Government of Bacoor) **BY PATRICIA BERMUDEZ**

**"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

## BCDA, STANDARD CHARTERED BANK INK PACT FOR DEV'T IN CLARK

**MANILA** — The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and Standard Chartered Bank will conduct joint feasibility studies and identify sustainable urban development and investment opportunities across the 35,300-hectare Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone in Pampanga.

BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Joshua Bingcang said the MOU requires both entities to share knowledge, hold regular quarterly discussions, and perform feasibility evaluations to advance potential project opportunities.

In a news release on Wednesday, the BCDA said the MOU requires both entities to share knowledge, hold regular quarterly discussions, and perform feasibility evaluations to advance potential project opportunities.

"At the conclusion of the feasibility studies, Standard Chartered may recommend financing solutions and other forms of support for projects deemed feasible and viable. The bank may then negotiate with BCDA an appropriate agreement and mode of collaboration for the project," it said.

Bingcang said working with Standard Chartered Bank "adds credibility to BCDA's projects and marks a strong vote of confidence for Clark."

"More importantly, partnerships like this can help mobilize the capital needed to move viable projects forward. This can ease the financing burden on the government and our private sector partners, while allowing us to pursue more projects that can generate investments, create jobs, and strengthen our communities," he said.

Samson underscored Clark's importance to the domestic economy's expansion.

"Standard Chartered Bank has been in the Philippines for 154 years and is instrumental in supporting nation-building by providing banking

solutions to fund projects in infrastructure, power, water, and technology to both the public and private sector," he said.

"This is aligned with the BCDA's charter to commercialize the government bases to promote economic and social development. We look forward to collaborating with BCDA to advance its sustainable development ambitions." (With a report from **Joann Santiago-Villanueva/PNA**)

## PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS IN NCR EASES IN AUGUST

**MANILA** — The retail price index of construction materials in the National Capital Region (NCR) eased in August compared to the previous month.

Data released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed that the construction materials retail price index (CMRPI) eased to 2 percent in August from 2.1 percent in July.

The PSA attributed this to the slower annual increase in the miscellaneous construction materials at 1.1 percent from 1.8 percent the previous month.

Slower annual increases were also recorded in the indices of carpentry

**MANILA** — The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is ramping up efforts to combat the proliferation of illicit vape and tobacco products ahead of the Christmas season.

"We are receiving intelligence and market information on the increased risk of illicit vape and tobacco products entering the market as holiday demand picks up. Our enforcement teams are already on high alert," Commissioner Charito Mendoza said in a statement Wednesday.

"There will be no holiday

for enforcement against illicit vape and tobacco."

Regional and enforcement offices have been directed to intensify monitoring of suspected production sites, warehouses, distribution channels, and retail outlets, and to coordinate operations where necessary.

The BIR urged legitimate industry players, retailers, and the public to provide information on suspected illegal manufacture, storage, distribution, or sale of vape and tobacco products. (**Anna Leah Gonzales/PNA**)

demand and retail prices of construction materials.

"For the coming months, higher global crude oil prices, higher inflation, near record high U.S. dollar/peso exchange rate could lead to higher prices of construction materials," he said.

"[The] catchup spending by the national government especially on infrastructure to pump prime the economy amid geopolitical risks could fundamentally lead to some pick up in construction activities, and also lead to some pickup in demand and prices of construction materials," he added. (**PNA**) **BY ANNA LEAH GONZALES**

## LANDBANK EARNS GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FINANCING

**MANILA** — State-owned Land Bank of the Philippines received an international award for its contribution to the country's energy security and clean energy transition.

In a statement on Wednesday, LandBank said it received the Karlsruhe Sustainable Finance Award for Outstanding Sustainable Project Financing for its sustainable power and energy infrastructure financing portfolio.

LandBank Senior Vice President Gonzalo Benjamin Bongolan

received the award on behalf of the bank during the Karlsruhe Sustainable Finance Awards and Recognition Ceremony held in Karlsruhe, Germany on Aug. 27.

The citation was conferred by Dr. Frank Mentrup, Lord Mayor of Karlsruhe, and Arshad Rab, chair of the International Council of Sustainability Standards for Value-Driven Financial Institutions and chief executive officer (CEO) of the European Organization for Sustainable Development.

The award recognizes the

bank's financing support for large-scale renewable energy and power infrastructure projects aimed at expanding the country's clean energy capacity, strengthening grid reliability, and addressing growing electricity requirements.

"This recognition inspires us to further expand financing for projects that will shape a cleaner and more energy-secure future for the Philippines. LandBank will continue to mobilize capital for strategic investments that deliver reliable power to

## PESO STRENGTHENS ON EASING OIL PRICES, IPO HOPE AS PSEI EXTENDS LOSSES

**MANILA** — The peso strengthened on Wednesday as global oil prices cooled and anticipation grew for Mynt's upcoming GCash initial public offering (IPO), though local stocks continued their downward slide.

The local currency improved against the greenback, finishing the day at 62.73 from Tuesday's 62.83.

It opened at 62.80, up from the previous day's 62.90.

It traded between 62.68 and 62.80, bringing the day's average to 62.73.

Volume reached USD1.35 billion, down from nearly USD1.9 billion the previous day.

In a market report, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort said the currency benefited from a pullback in global oil prices and market buzz surrounding GCash IPO slated for October.

Oil Price Charts data from trading economics.com for the day showed that Brent crude dipped to around USD107 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate at about USD104.52 per barrel.

Also, Mynt Inc., the parent company of e-wallet provider GCash, is set to launch its USD1.5-billion (around PHP92.32 billion) IPO, the biggest in the

local market to date.

With these two factors playing a major role during the day's trading, Ricafort expects the peso to trade between 62.65 and 62.85 against the dollar on Thursday.

Despite the peso's gains, the local bourse's main index shed 1.51 percent to close at 5,916.94 points, while the broader All Shares index dropped 1.26 percent to 3,300.26 points.

Only the Holding Firms counter managed to stay afloat, edging up by a marginal 0.001 percent.

The Services sector posted the steepest decline at 3.18 percent. It was followed by Industrials (down 1.26 percent), Property (down 0.89 percent), Mining and Oil (down 0.84 percent) and Financials (down 0.70 percent).

Volume reached 612.54 million shares, valued at PHP 5.9 billion.

Decliners outnumbered advancers, 139 to 54, while 58 shares remained unchanged.

"The local market plunged further, breaching the critical 6,000 support line as local and global treasury yields continue to rise, making bonds more attractive relative to equities," Philstocks Research said in a market report.

It said "investors are also taking a cautious stance while waiting for the Federal Reserve's policy decision."

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is widely expected to hike key rates after its Sept. 15-16, 2026 meeting as inflation pressures persist. (**PNA**) **BY JOANN VILLANUEVA**

clean power generation and improve the national grid's stability.

LandBank said it has already mobilized more than PHP300 million in financing and supported more than 2,000 MW of renewable energy and energy-supporting capacity. (**PNA**) **BY ANNA LEAH GONZALES**



## NU SEEKS SSL UNITY CUP CROWN, P1M TOP PURSE

**MANILA** — National University eyes the crown and the PHP1 million cash prize that goes with it in the 2026 Shakey's Super League (SSL) Unity Cup, which kicks off on Sept. 25 at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The four-time champion Lady Bulldogs will be facing a tough challenge from six UAAP squads and 10 NCAA teams in the tournament supported by Shakey's Pizza Asia Ventures Inc. (SPA/VI).

Podium finishers will receive cash prizes this year, with the champion earning PHP1 million, while the runner-up and the third-placer getting PHP600,000 and PHP300,000, respectively.

Individual award winners get PHP10,000 each, while the tournament Most Valuable Player will receive PHP30,000 cash.

"After our successful staging of the Shakey's Girls Volleyball Invitational League and the National Invitationals to start the season, of course, we want this year's Unity Cup to be bigger, thrilling, and explosive," Ian Laurel, president and chairman of SSL organizer Athletic Events and Sports Management, Inc. (ACES), said during the event launch Wednesday at Shakey's Quezon Avenue.

Also present were SPA/VI president and CEO Vic Gregorio, SPA/VI general manager Oliver Sicam and SPA/VI marketing head Regina Asa, as well as coaches and key players from participating teams.

"Since 2004, Shakey's has been there supporting the growth and development of the sport here in the country. And Shakey's continues that commitment

through the staging of the SSL," Gregorio said.

Reigning UAAP champion De La Salle University is taking another leave of absence due to injuries to some of its key players. The 17 squads are divided into four pools to play in a single-round robin format in the preliminary round.

NU is in Pool A with San Beda University, Arellano University, University of Perpetual Help and NCAA champion Letran College. Newly crowned SSL

National Invitationals champion and last year's Unity Cup runner-up University of Santo Tomas, College of Saint Benilde, Jose Rizal University and Mapua University comprise Pool B.

Pool C has Far Eastern University, Ateneo De Manila University, Emilio Aguinaldo College and San Sebastian College-Recoletos.

Adamson University, University of the Philippines, Lyceum University of the Philippines and University of the East, which is making a comeback after skipping last year's edition, are in Pool D.

The top two teams of each

pool will advance to the next round, where they will be divided into two groups for another round-robin play. Points earned by each team in the preliminary will be added to the round to determine their rankings in the quarterfinals.

The top two-ranked squads after the round will have a twice-to-beat advantage in the crossover quarterfinals. Both the semifinals and battle for bronze are knockout affairs, while the championship is a best-of-three series.

The tournament's unique all-to-play format is still in effect, where all players on each team's game roster must see action.

Following international standards, the league will use the latest video challenge system with animated replay visualization to capture contested plays in greater detail. The system will be available for use in the second round.

Of course, we want teams to experience playing under international standards through innovations and the latest volleyball technology," Laurel said. (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**

## PERPETUAL SECURES FIRST WIN IN NCAA BASKETBALL

**MANILA** — University of Perpetual Help secured its first victory in the NCAA Season 102 men's basketball after beating Emilio Aguinaldo College, 83-72, Thursday at the FiLoil EcoOil Centre in San Juan.

Angelo Gelsano finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds, three steals and

two assists as the Altas bounced back from their 77-84 loss to the Letran Knights last Sunday.

Leobert Casinillo added 16 points while Mark Gojo Cruz and Juan Tulabot scored 15 points each.

Rey Maglupay chipped in 11 points, including a triple that capped a 9-0 run to give Perpetual a 71-61

**MANILA** — The Philippines kicked off its campaign in the 46th World Chess Olympiad on a high note Wednesday at the Silk Road International Exhibition Center in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Michael Concio Jr., Pau Bersamina, Daniel Quizon and Jem Garcia prevailed over their Togolese rivals, 4-0, in the men's division while Mhage Sebastian, Ruelle Canino, Jan Jodilyn Fronda and Shania Mae Mendoza won over their opponents from Malawi with the same score.

Grandmaster Darwin Laylo and Woman GM Janelle Mae Frayna are expected to lead their respective teams in the second round.

The Philippines, ranked No. 57 among 208 nations, will face seventh seed Azerbaijan in the men's division, while the Filipinas, seeded No. 42 among 190 countries, will battle the Syrians.

The Philippines placed 59th in the men's division,

while the women's team bagged the Category B gold medal to finish 24th two years ago in Budapest, Hungary.

Meanwhile, National Chess Federation of the Philippines deputy president for Mindanao and Misamis Occidental Gov. Henry Oaminal Sr. has offered PHP1 million if the Philippines finishes in the Top 10 or PHP500,000 for a Top 20 finish.

He also promised

PHP500,000 (gold), PHP300,000 (silver), and PHP200,000 (bronze) for the team category and PHP100,000 (gold), PHP75,000 (silver), and PHP50,000 (bronze) for individual.

Oaminal gave USD500 to each team member.

"It will come from his own pocket," NCFP secretary-general and national women's coach GM Jayson Gonzales said. (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**



**HEAD OF DELEGATION:** National Chess Federation of the Philippines deputy president for Mindanao and Misamis Occidental Gov. Henry Oaminal Sr. (6th from right) with the players competing at the 46th World Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The men's and women's teams conquered their opening-round rivals on Wednesday (Sept. 16, 2026). (Contributed photo)

## CHINA ENDS GILAS BID AT ASIAN GAMES WITH 44-POINT WIN

**MANILA** — China pounded Gilas Pilipinas, 105-61, Monday, sending the reigning Asian Games champion packing even before the quadrennial meet officially opens in Nagoya, Japan.

Power forward Wang Junjie, who played college ball at University of San Francisco and University of Massachusetts, led the Chinese assault early on, scoring 14 points in the first half when the team sat on a 36-point lead, 66-30.

The Philippines entered the Group C game at

Aichi International Arena carrying a +27-point differential, meaning a 37-point loss or less would still be enough to send Gilas to the knockout quarterfinals.

But China couldn't care less as it probably still remembers its semifinal loss to the Philippines at the 2023 Hangzhou Asiad.

Wang finished with a double-double of 20 points and 14 rebounds, Liao Sanning added 14, and Hu Mingxuan with 13 for the undefeated China, which heads to the quarterfinals

as the No. 1 seed against No. 8 Saudi Arabia.

Gilas lost its opening match to Bahrain on Friday, 85-89, but recovered the following day against Kazakhstan, 109-78.

Jordan, which Gilas beat for the gold in Hangzhou, benefitted the most as it was -11 prior to the China-Philippines contest.

Under the format, the two best third-placed squads will join the top two teams from each group to the next round.

Jordan was the other country in contention aside from Saudi Arabia and the Philippines.

In Group A, Korea defeated rival Japan, 100-83, for a similar 3-0 card. Both have qualified for the next round.

All quarterfinal matches will be played Wednesday and the semifinals on Friday. The bronze medal match and the final will be on Sept. 20 after the previous day's opening ceremony. (PBA Media/PNA)

who also had six assists and four rebounds.

"We're grateful that we were able to execute in crunch time what we worked on during practice. We're thankful for the win, but we hope to keep this going since the season is still long," he added. (PNA) **BY JEAN MALANUM**