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LOCAL TALENTS, BUSINESSES THRIVE CAVITE'S IN BAKOOD FESTIVAL

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Beyond a cultural and religious celebration of Cavite's marching band roots, the Bakood Festival serves as a major showcase of the Bacoor's economic potential for an international audience.

Celebrated to honor St. Michael the Archangel, the festival highlights its rich musical culture which has long earned acclaim from international stages.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency, City Information and Community Relations Department (CICRD) chief Kristine Evangelista, underscored that the Bakood Festival creates a string of opportunities

for various local sectors, particularly artists and small businesses.

"Ang festival ay hindi lamang cultural celebration, isa rin itong pagkakataon para suportahan ang livelihood at local entrepreneurship. Sa Bacoor, ang development at tradition ay hindi magkalaban, ang layunin natin ay patuloy na umunlad ang ating lungsod habang nananatiling buhay ang ating kultura."

Bacoor's marching bands have long been known across the Philippines and worldwide. Recently, the city was named host of the 2028 Asian Music Games. Beyond cementing the city's title as the "Marching

draw global visitors and boost the local economy.

"Malaking bagay ang international exposure dahil napapakilala nito ang Bacoor bilang isang lungsod na may malakas na musical and cultural heritage. Kapag mas nakikilala ang ating kultura, mas nagkakaroon ng potential para sa cultural tourism at mas maraming visitors at economic activity para sa ating local businesses."

Attracting competitors from parts of Cavite, Tagkawayan, Antipolo, and Metro Manila, the festival also provided a direct boost to local hospitality, lodging, and dining sectors.

Unlike other purely

Band Capital of the

Philippines", the international competition is expected to



SAFE FOOD, SAFER CARE: DOST CONDUCTS FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR DSWD BAHAY TULUYAN



To promote safe meal handling and inclusive nutrition for vulnerable youth, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON in partnership with DOST PSTO Cavite conducted a two-day Food

Safety Training Series on September 29 to 30 for the staff of the DSWD Bahay Tuluyan Ng Mga Bata (Home for Girls). The program aimed to strengthen center operations by equipping houseparents and kitchen personnel with essential

"Ginagamit din natin ng social media at digital platforms upang mas mapalawak ang audience nito. Kasabay nito, hinihikayat natin ang kabataan na matuto, sumali, at maging bahagi ng pagpapatuloy ng ating tradisyon." (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

standards for health and sanitation.

The first day focused on identifying risks and adhering to specialized dietary requirements, with Ms. Maria Teresa A. Pamplona, Senior Science Research Specialist from DOST CALABARZON, serving as the resource speaker. She thoroughly covered Food Safety Hazards, explaining biological, chemical, and physical contaminants, and discussed Halal Preparation guidelines to ensure food service remains culturally inclusive for residents of varying religious backgrounds.

On the second day, Ms. Joan Mae A. Aure, Science Research Specialist I from DOST Cavite, led the discussion on Basic Food Hygiene. Her session detailed crucial daily practices, including proper handwashing, safe food storage, equipment sanitation, and cross-contamination prevention to protect institutionalized youth from foodborne illnesses.

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CITY LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA KASONG ACTS OF LASCIVIOUSNESS, ARESTADO NG TRECE MARTIRES PULIS

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Arestado ng mga tauhan ng Trece Martires Component City Police Station ang isang City Level Most Wanted Person dakong alas-2:30 ng hapon noong Setyembre 30, 2026, sa Barangay Lumampong Halayhay, Indang, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL BRYIAN D MERINO, Hepe ng Trece Martires CCPS, ang naarestong akusado alyas "Miro" na residente ng Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Sa koordinasyon sa mga Purok Leader, isinagawa ng Warrant Section ng Trece Martires CCPS ang pagpapatupad ng warrant of arrest laban sa akusado. Ang operasyon ay nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa akusado sa bisa ng warrant of arrest kaugnay ng dalawang bilang ng kasong Acts of Lasciviousness sa ilalim ng Article 336 ng Revised Penal Code, in relation to Section 5(B) ng Republic Act No. 7610, as amended by Republic Act No. 11648. Ang warrant of arrest ay inilabas at nilagdaan ng Presiding Judge ng Family

Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 5, Trece Martires City, Cavite, na may petsang Setyembre 25, 2026, na may inirekomendang piyansa na ₱36,000.00.

Matapos ang pag-aresto, ipinaalam sa akusado ang dahilan at uri ng kanyang pag-aresto at ang kanyang mga karapatang konstitusyonal sa wikang kanyang nauunawaan. Kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng Trece Martires Component City Police Station Custodial Facility ang akusado para sa kaukulang disposisyon. Ibabalik ang kopya ng warrant of arrest sa korte na nag-isyu nito para sa tamang dokumentasyon.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director ng Cavite PPO, mahalaga ang patuloy na pagtutulongan ng kapulisan at ng komunidad sa pagtukoy at pag-aresto sa mga wanted person.

Aniya, sa pamamagitan ng maayos na koordinasyon at pagsunod sa legal na proseso, mas napapalakas ang pagpapatupad ng mga kautusan ng korte at paghahatid ng hustisya sa mga biktima.

CITY LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON, ARESTADO NG BACOR PNP

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Arestado ang isang City Level Most Wanted Person sa isinagawang pagpapatupad ng warrant of arrest ng mga tauhan ng Bacoar Component City Police Station dakong alas-12:45 ng tanghali noong Setyembre 30, 2026, sa Bacoar Custodial Facility, Barangay Molino 2, Bacoar City, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL ALEXIE A DESAMITO, Hepe ng Bacoar CCPS, ang akusado bilang si alyas "Thea," residente ng Kawit, Cavite.

Ayon sa ulat, isinagawa ng Warrant Section ng Bacoar CCPS ang pagpapatupad ng warrant of arrest laban sa akusado kaugnay ng paglabag sa Section 11 ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Ang warrant of arrest ay inilabas noong Nobyembre 11, 2019, ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 5, Trece Martires City, Cavite, na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Kasalukuyang nakakulong ang akusado sa Bureau

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto ng mga tauhan ng Tanza Municipal Police Station dakong alas-4:30 ng hapon noong Setyembre 29, 2026, sa Barangay Paradahan 1, Tanza, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL CHESTER NOEL R BORLONGAN, Hepe ng Tanza MPS, ang naarestong akusado bilang si alyas "Erik" na residente ng Naic, Cavite.

Isinagawa ng Warrant Personnel ng Tanza MPS, bilang lead unit, katuwang ang Cavite MARPSTA, ang operasyon para ipatupad ang warrant of arrest laban sa akusado kaugnay ng kasong Statutory Rape sa ilalim ng Article 266-A, Paragraph (D) ng Revised Penal Code, sa apat na bilang ng kaso.

Ang warrant of arrest ay inilabas at nilagdaan ng

Presiding Judge ng Family Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 5, Trece Martires City, Cavite, na may petsang Setyembre 17, 2026 na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Sa isinagawang operasyon, ipinaalam sa akusado ang kanyang mga karapatang konstitusyonal. Dinala ang akusado sa Tanza MPS para sa kaukulang proseso, habang ang warrant of arrest ay ibabalik sa korte na nag-isyu nito para sa tamang dokumentasyon.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang pagpapatupad ng mga warrant of arrest, lalo na laban sa mga wanted person, upang matiyak ang pagpapatupad ng mga kautusan ng korte at ang pananagutan ng mga akusadong may kinakaharap na kaso, alinsunod sa batas.

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite

of Jail Management and Penology Bacoar. Ibabalik ang warrant of arrest sa korte na nag-isyu nito para sa kaukulang disposisyon. Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director ng Cavite PPO, patuloy na paiigtingin ng Cavite PNP ang pagpapatupad ng mga warrant of arrest laban sa mga wanted person upang matiyak ang pagsunod sa mga kautusan ng korte at ang maayos na pag-usad ng mga kasong kinakaharap ng mga akusado, alinsunod sa batas.

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

CITY LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA MGA KASONG MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AT PHYSICAL INJURIES, ARESTADO NG GENERAL TRIAS PNP

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite — Arestado ng mga tauhan ng General Trias City Police Station ang isang City Level Most Wanted Person dakong alas-6:35 ng gabi noong Setyembre 29, 2026, sa Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City, Cavite.

Kinilala ni PLTCOL ARCHIMEDES L BAKING, Acting Chief of Police ng General Trias CCPS, ang naarestong akusado bilang si alyas "Bien" na residente ng General Trias City, Cavite.

Isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng General Trias CCPS, ang operasyon para ipatupad ang warrant of arrest laban sa akusado kaugnay ng kasong

Malicious Mischief sa ilalim ng Article 327 ng Revised Penal Code at dalawang bilang ng Less Serious Physical Injuries sa ilalim ng Article 265 ng nasabing batas.

Ang mga warrant of arrest ay inilabas noong Setyembre 15, 2026, ng Presiding Judge ng Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Fourth Judicial Region, General Trias City, Cavite. Itinakda ang piyansa sa halagang ₱30,000 para sa kasong Malicious Mischief at ₱3,000 para sa bawat bilang ng kasong Less Serious Physical Injuries.

Matapos ang pag-aresto, ipinaalam sa akusado ang dahilan ng kanyang pag-aresto at ang kanyang mga karapatang konstitusyonal. Kasalukuyan siyang nasa kustodiya ng General Trias Custodial Facility sa Barangay Bagumbayan, General Trias City, Cavite, habang hinihintay ang pagsasauli ng mga warrant sa korte na nag-isyu ng mga ito at ang kasunod na paglalabas ng commitment order.

Ayon kay PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director ng Cavite PPO, binibigyang-diin ng Cavite PNP ang kahalagahan ng maagap at tuloy-tuloy na pagpapatupad ng mga warrant of arrest upang matiyak na ang mga indibidwal na may kinakaharap na kaso ay humarap sa proseso ng batas. Aniya, mananatiling nakatuon ang kapulisan sa pagsasagawa ng mga operasyon nang naaayon sa batas, habang iginagalang ang mga karapatan ng bawat

City, na may petsang Setyembre 23, 2026. Ang warrant ay may kaugnayan sa paglabag sa Section 12, Article II ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, sa dalawang bilang ng kaso.

Sa kasalukuyan, ang akusado ay nasa kustodiya ng Cavite City PNP Custodial Facility habang isinasagawa ang kaukulang proseso para sa return of warrant sa korte na nag-isyu 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 ang pagpapatupad ng mga kautusan ng korte at mapanagot ang mga akusadong may kinakaharap na kaso, alinsunod sa batas.

REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON SA PAGLABAG SA BATAS LABAN SA ILIGAL NA DROGA, ARESTADO NG CAVITE CITY PULIS

— Isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto ng mga tauhan ng Cavite Component City Police Station dakong alas-9:00 ng umaga noong Setyembre 29, 2026, sa Barangay 44, Cavite City. Kinilala ni PLTCOL RESTY E SORIANO, hepe ng Cavite CCPS, ang naarestong akusado na si alyas "Rap" na residente ng Barangay 44, Cavite City.

Isinagawa ng Warrant Personnel ng Cavite CCPS ang operasyon laban sa nasabing Most Wanted Person na nagresulta sa kanyang pagkakaaresto sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inisyu ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 88, Cavite

The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, without painful toil for it.

Proverbs 10:22

CAVITE POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, PINANGUNAHAN ANG PUROK LEADERS AT HOA OFFICERS SUMMIT PARA SA MAS MATATAG NA POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Pinangunahan ng Cavite Police Provincial Office, sa ilalim ng pamumuno at gabay ni PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, ang Purok Leaders and Homeowners Association Officers Summit upang mas palakasin ang ugnayan at seguridad sa mga komunidad.

Sa naturang aktibidad, binigyang-diin ni PCOL Red ang mahalagang gampanin ng kapulisan na tiyaking aktibo at tuloy-tuloy ang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga lokal na lider para sa mabilis na pagtugon sa mga usaping pangkatahimikan. Naging bahagi rin ng programa si PCOL IVY C MALLO, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Chief Regional Staff / Chief, Regional

Community Affairs and Development Division, na nagbigay ng overview at patnubay sa summit, gayundin si PLTCOL ERICSON B NATO, Chief, PCADU na nagpakilala sa mga kalahok.

Dinaluhan ang summit ng mga Purok Leaders, HOA Officers, at mga opisyal ng lungsod sa pangunguna nina General Trias City Mayor Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV at Vice Mayor Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen.

Naging mga tagapagsalita rin sina PMAJ MICKGLO D MARIÑAS, Chief, FLS, RID, na tumalakay sa Enhanced Intelligence Gathering, PMAJ MENANDRO B ANONUEVO JR, Chief, LES, ROD, na nagtalakay sa mga gampanin at mekanismo ng suporta ng

mga lider sa operasyon ng pulisya, at PMAJ GLENN R MONTOJO, Chief, IMS, RIDMD, na nagbigay ng talakayan ukol sa pagpapatupad ng warrants of arrest sa tulong ng komunidad. Nagpaabot din ng mensahe ng suporta at talakayan ukol sa Anti-Cyber Squatting Law at iba pang usaping legal si PMAJ DARWIN VIADUMANG, Provincial Legal Officer ng Cavite PPO.

Nagpaabot din ng suporta sina Ms. Stella Marie M. Tamison, Purok Leader ng Magdiwang, Brgy. Molino 3, Bacoor City at Mr. Bhogie Villanueva, President, HOA South Sector, bilang kinatawan

ng mga lider-komunidad.

Ang inisyatibang ito ay alinsunod sa B.E.S.T. Framework ni PBGEN DOMINIC L BACCAY, Regional Director ng PRO 4A "Be Visible, Engage Immediately, Serve Together, at Transform Trust," patungo sa mas ligtas, mapayapa, at maayos na Lalawigan ng Cavite.

Sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pakikipagtulungan sa mga community leaders, layunin ng Cavite PPO na gawing katuwang ang bawat sektor ng komunidad sa paglikha ng mas ligtas, mapayapa, at maayos na Cavite.

PGC EMPLOYEES GAIN INSIGHTS ON 2025 RACCS

Employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) gained a deeper understanding of the 2025 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (2025 RACCS) during the seminar titled "Understand the 2025 RACCS," facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer (OPLLO) held on September 21 and 28, 2026 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The two-day learning activity aimed to familiarize PGC employees with the updated rules governing administrative cases in the civil service, including the procedures, offenses, corresponding penalties, and other important provisions that guide employees and government offices in handling administrative matters.

The seminar featured Atty. Christian C. Imperial, Atty. Hanna M. Ayon, and Atty. Nemuel R. Camarse as resource speakers, who provided comprehensive discussions and practical

healthcare needs.

The PGC's medical and dental mission continues to expand across the province to reach the individuals who have limited access to healthcare services. — **OPIO**

insights on the key provisions of the 2025 RACCS.

Among the topics discussed were the different administrative offenses, their corresponding penalties, and the proper procedures in the filing, investigation, and resolution of administrative cases. The speakers also highlighted the importance of due process, accountability, and adherence to civil service rules in promoting professionalism and integrity in public service.

The discussions provided employees with a clearer understanding of their rights and responsibilities as government workers, as well as the standards of conduct expected in the public sector.

The seminar also served as an opportunity for participants to raise questions and clarify concerns on administrative cases and the application of the updated rules in the workplace.

Through the activity, the PGC continues to strengthen the capacity of its employees by providing relevant learning opportunities that promote awareness of civil service policies and encourage responsible, ethical, and professional conduct in the delivery of public service. — **OPIO**

CAVITE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS GATHERED FOR A ONE-DAY LEARNING SESSION

On September 16, 2026, local government accountants in various cities and municipalities of Cavite gathered for a learning session titled "Common Administrative Cases of Government Accountants" at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City. Engr. Gilbert Gandia, Provincial Administrator, welcomed the local government accountants and reminded them to continue serving with compassion, integrity and excellence.

Atty. Annaliza Mercene-Pulmones, Cavite Provincial Legal Officer, served as the resource person, tackling the

2017 and 2025 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RACCS) and guiding the attendees through the complexities of their duties and the common administrative cases they may face.

The event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Accountant and the Cavite Association of Local Government Accountants, Inc., aimed at equipping attendees with a better understanding of their administrative responsibilities and liabilities in government financial management. — **OPIO**

MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION CATERED 639 RESIDENTS IN GMA

Through the continuous effort of the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, another successful medical and dental mission was spearheaded at EARIST-Cavite Campus, General Mariano Alvarez on

September 4, 2026.

The health outreach program catered a total of 639 patients with medical, dental and diagnostic services. In addition, available prescribed medications were also handed out to the residents to help ease their

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Habang nananatiling mataas ang presyo ng langis hanggang Pasko, kinakailangan ang sama-samang pagkilos upang mapagaan ang epekto nito sa kabuhayan ng bawat Pilipino.

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CARD MBA, NAGSAGAWA NG GLOBAL SEMINAR PARA PATATAGIN ANG PROTEKSYONG PINANSYAL NG MGA NANGANGAILANGANG KOMUNIDAD

CARD MBA
Panatag Ka.

Pinangunahan ng CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA) ang kauna-unahang Mutual Microinsurance Network Seminar sa pakikipagtulungan sa International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF) Foundation mula Hunyo 17 hanggang 19, 2026 sa AIM Conference Center sa Lungsod ng Makati upang patatagin ang kolaborasyong nakalaan sa pagprotekta sa mga pamilyang may mababang kita.

Nakasentro sa temang "Replicating Success Globally: Scaling the Mutual Microinsurance Model for the Poorest", ang tatlong-araw na seminar ay nagsilbing plataporma ng pagtutulungan para sa mga kalahok upang

magbahagi ng kaalaman at karanasan sa pagbuo ng mga programang microinsurance na madaling palawakin at may malaking epekto sa lipunan. Nagbigay-daan din ito sa mga kalahok na tugunan ang mga kasalukuyang hamon sa industriya, tuklasin ang mga umuusbong na inobasyon, at tukuyin ang kinakailangang suportang pinansyal at teknikal.

"Kinikilala natin na ang mga hamon na kinahaharap ng mga mahihirap na komunidad ay masyadong malaki para lutasin ng isang institusyon lamang," ani Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, ang Founder at Chair Emeritus ng CARD MRI. "Sa pamamagitan ng mga kasunduan at pagbabahagi ng kaalaman, maaari nating gayahin ang mga

matagumpay na modelo at lumikha ng mas malakas at mas inklusibong network ng microinsurance."

Ang unang araw ng seminar ay nakatuon sa pagsusuri ng kasalukuyang estado ng microinsurance sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay-diin sa mga talakayan tungkol sa mga hamon, mga oportunidad, at mga matagumpay na modelo ng sektor mula sa iba't ibang bansa.

Sa ikalawang araw, ibinahagi ng CARD MBA ang naging paglalakbay nito mula sa pagiging mutual fund tungo sa pagiging mutual microinsurance provider. Ipinakita ang istruktura ng pamamahala ng organisasyon, ang sistema ng pag-aayos ng claim na pinataakbo ng teknolohiya, ang modelo ng distribusyon sa pamamagitan ng CARD MRI Financial Institutions, at mga estratehiya upang mapalaki ang pakikilahok ng mga miyembro sa pagmamay-ari at paggawa ng desisyon.

Kaugnay ng mga tagumpay na ito, isinaad ni CARD MBA CEO Jocelyn Dequito, "Ang mutual microinsurance ay umuusbong sa tiwala, hindi lamang sa pagitan ng mga institusyon at ng kanilang mga miyembro, kundi maging sa mga organisasyong nagtutulungan para sa iisang layunin na protektahan ang mga komunidad na may

mababang kita."

Nakiisa si Dr. Alip sa mga kapwa niyang pioneer sa microinsurance sa isang panel discussion tungkol sa mga pangunahing salik ng tagumpay ng mga programa sa mutual microinsurance.

Sa huling araw ay bumisita sila sa Lungsod ng San Pablo, Laguna, kung saan naobserbahan ng mga kalahok ang center meeting ng CARD Bank sa Brgy. San Gabriel. Nakapanayam din nila ang center officers, personal na nakita kung paano naghahatid ng mga serbisyo ng insurance ang CARD MBA at ang mahusay na komunikasyon nito sa mga miyembro.

Sinalihan ang seminar ng 101 practitioner at pinuno ng microinsurance mula sa Pilipinas at iba't ibang bansa kabilang ang United Kingdom, Myanmar, India, Kenya, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malawi, Mozambique, Paraguay, Thailand, at Timor-Leste.

Sa pamamagitan ng seminar, binigyang-diin ng CARD MBA at ng ICMIF Foundation ang halaga ng kolaborasyon at pagitiwala upang mas maging inklusibo ang proteksiyong pinansyal at makabuo ng economic safety net para sa mga komunidad na may mababang kita sa buong mundo. **BY JIREH PEARL CASIONAN, JUNIOR WRITER**

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.

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CHED SETS GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE AI USE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

QUEZON CITY (PIA)

— The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is setting a national direction to help Philippine higher education adopt responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as well as harness its potential to further improve learning, strengthen research, and make institutional processes more efficient. Through CHED Memorandum Order No. 21, the commission has established a national framework to guide 2,366 higher education institutions and 188,261 faculty members in the responsible use of AI, for the benefit of over 5.8 million students.

According to CHED, the initiative supports President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s push to strengthen

AI skills and promote the responsible use of emerging technologies as the country prepares Filipinos for future jobs and a more technology-driven economy.

CHED explains that the policy enables the use of AI in teaching, learning, research, and institutional operations while setting safeguards for academic integrity, human judgment, data privacy, and student welfare.

The commission further explained that the memorandum order will provide Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and faculty the flexibility to determine how AI can best support learning and institutional needs within their own access rather than imposing a one-size-fits all approach.

At its heart is a principle that should guide every learner in the AI era: AI should strengthen, not replace, human thinking. "Students must learn how to think before they learn how to prompt," it said.

Likewise, CHED explains that the guidelines require transparency in students' use of AI and stronger human oversight when AI is used in consequential areas such as grading, admissions, scholarships, student progression, and faculty evaluation.

For CHED, the direction is clear: embrace AI where it can improve learning, research, and institutional efficiency, while ensuring that human judgement, academic integrity, and accountability remain at the center of higher education. (JEG/PIA-NCR)
BY JIMMYLEY GUZMAN

NDRRMC RELEASES RULES FOR NEW LAW ALLOWING EARLY DISASTER DECLARATIONS

MANILA (PIA)

— The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has released the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 12287, the Declaration of State of Imminent Disaster Act, giving government agencies a clearer framework to act ahead of forecast calamities rather than only after they strike.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. signed RA 12287 on September 12, 2025, institutionalizing anticipatory action by allowing the government to declare a state of imminent disaster before a calamity hits, based on scientific forecasts and risk assessments.

Under the law, the President may declare a State of Imminent Disaster in areas forecast to face severe and highly probable hazards, upon the recommendation of the NDRRMC or local chief executives acting on the advice of regional disaster risk reduction and management councils, through an executive order.

The IRR covers hazards

with projected catastrophic impacts categorized as "severe," or its equivalent, based on forecasts and the results of a pre-disaster risk assessment. It outlines specific anticipatory action measures to be carried out before a hazard's impact or immediately after a declaration is made.

The IRR requires disaster risk reduction and management councils at all levels, through mandated government agencies, to ensure inclusive, timely, accurate and coordinated dissemination of advisories and information, as well as the mobilization and strategic prepositioning of critical supplies and operational assets.

It also sets guidelines on pre-emptive evacuation and infrastructure protection, including evacuation protocols, camp coordination and management, protection of internally displaced persons, and the mobilization of Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers, civil society organizations, the private sector and other volunteer groups in support of anticipatory action efforts.

Under the measure, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) was tasked with monitoring areas placed under a State of Imminent Disaster.

Concerned government agencies are required to report to the OCD within 45 days of the declaration's lifting, detailing the status of local-level declarations, the utilization of anticipatory action funds, and estimated economic and social costs.

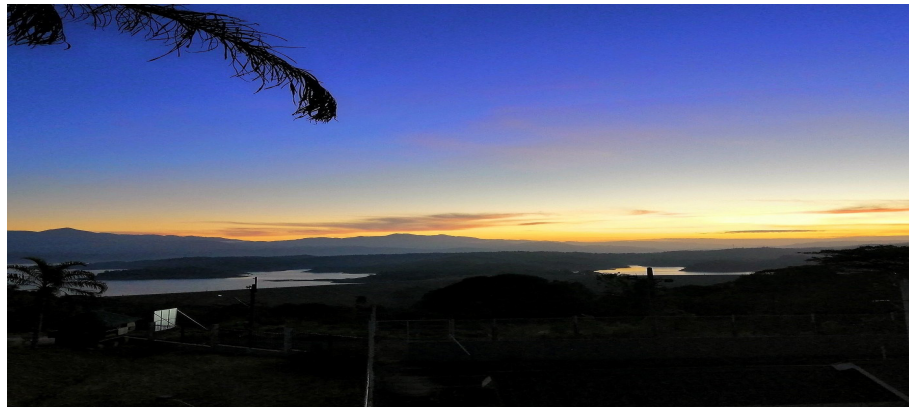
National government agencies are directed to integrate anticipatory action measures into their regular programs, projects and activities, funding these through their existing agency budgets.

Local government units may allocate up to 10 percent of the 70 percent quick response fund portion of their Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for anticipatory action measures, in addition to their regular DRRM programming under their Local DRRM Plan and Investment Plan.

The IRR was signed on September 14 by Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro

A QUIET ESCAPE ABOVE PANTABANGAN LAKE

At NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel, visitors discover a quieter side of Nueva Ecija, framed by mountains, water and the history of Pantabangan.



The scenic surroundings of NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offer visitors a different view of Nueva Ecija beyond its familiar agricultural landscapes. Photo: Ms. Flordalie Pagente of JRMP II, via Tripadvisor.

There is a point on the road to Pantabangan when Nueva Ecija begins to look different.

The familiar agricultural landscape gradually gives way to winding roads, wooded hills and glimpses of water between the mountains. The change in scenery is a reminder that there is another side of the province waiting beyond its rice fields and busy highways.

Set in Barangay Fatima, Pantabangan, NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offers visitors a place to experience that quieter landscape.

Surrounded by the scenery of the Pantabangan Dam and reservoir, the hotel is suited to travelers who would rather slow down than fill every hour of a weekend with activities. Sometimes, after all, the view is enough.

A Place With a Story The property itself has a history. Formerly known as the Pantabangan Guesthouse, it eventually returned to the management of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA). After undergoing major renovations, it was formally inaugurated as NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort

Jr., who chairs the NDRRMC.

The new rules give national and local authorities a structured basis for acting on early warnings, aiming to reduce the human and economic toll of disasters before they fully unfold. (JCO/PIA-NCR) —File photo courtesy of OCD)

BY JEROME CARLO PAUNAN

Hotel in 2019.

Its location connects the hotel closely with the story of Pantabangan. The nearby dam and reservoir are not simply tourist attractions. They form part of a water-resource system that supports irrigation and power generation in the region.

Over time, the vast reservoir and surrounding mountains have also created a landscape that attracts visitors looking for nature, open spaces and a break from city life. The hotel provides a base from which to experience it.

Letting the Landscape Lead

NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel offers accommodations and amenities that include a swimming pool, restaurant and spaces for families and groups. But its greatest attraction is something that cannot be added through renovation: its surroundings.

Mornings can begin quietly, with the mountains and water in the distance. An afternoon can be spent swimming, resting or exploring the roads around Pantabangan. Toward evening, the changing light over the hills provides its own entertainment.

For families, the resort offers room to spend time together. Groups can use the property for gatherings and events, while couples and individual travelers can simply enjoy a change of scenery. The experience can be as active or as unhurried as visitors want it to be.

Discovering Another Nueva Ecija

For travelers who know Nueva Ecija mainly for its agricultural communities, Pantabangan can come as a pleasant surprise.

Mountains surround stretches of water. Roads climb through greener countryside, and viewpoints reveal scenes far removed from the flat landscapes usually associated with the province.

A stay at the resort can be paired with a visit to the Pantabangan Dam area and a leisurely drive around the reservoir.

The trip does not need an elaborate itinerary. Stop when the scenery catches your attention. Take photographs. Find somewhere to eat. Spend some time looking across the water before continuing down the road.

Pantabangan is better appreciated without watching the clock too closely.

A Reason to Slow Down Perhaps that is what makes NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel appealing. Its character comes from its location and the slower rhythm that naturally follows. Wake up surrounded by mountains. Have breakfast without hurrying. Spend the afternoon with family or friends. Watch the light change across the landscape as another day ends.

For travelers searching for somewhere different without leaving Central Luzon, Pantabangan offers an opportunity to see a less familiar side of Nueva Ecija. Sometimes a memorable trip simply requires finding the right place to stop.

NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel | Barangay Fatima, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija

For current room rates, reservations and visitor information, contact the resort directly or visit its official Facebook page.

PALAWAN STRENGTHENS MEASURES TO CONTAIN ASF SPREAD

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, Palawan (PIA) —

The Provincial Government of Palawan has issued an official statement on the confirmed case of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Barangay Concepcion, Agutaya, while stepping up containment and disease-control measures to prevent the spread of the virus to other areas.

The case was confirmed through laboratory tests conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DA)-Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), with 40 samples collected from Barangay Concepcion testing positive for ASF on Sept. 22.

As part of the response, quarantine measures and checkpoints have been established in Agutaya to regulate the movement of people, animals, and materials that could contribute to the spread of the virus.

The Provincial ASF Task Force also convened on Sept. 25 to assess the situation and identify the necessary measures to strengthen containment efforts.

A three-day depopulation operation is also being carried out from Sept. 28 to 30 in Barangay Concepcion, led by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PROVET) in coordination with the Provincial Agriculturist Office (PAgo) and Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO).

The operation targets remaining pigs in the affected area as part of efforts to stop the virus from spreading.

The DA MIMAROPA is supporting the provincial response by providing disinfectants, ASF rapid test kits, technical assistance, and guidelines on depopulation, indemnification, movement control, biosecurity, and disease surveillance.

Authorities are also conducting active surveillance to determine the extent of the infection and identify possible cases in other parts of Agutaya.

The measures include disease investigation,

sample collection, and monitoring of areas where unusual illness or deaths among pigs are reported.

The provincial government is also documenting the losses of affected swine raisers and assessing their needs in coordination with the Barangay Concepcion and Agutaya local governments and concerned agencies to determine appropriate assistance.

Information and education activities are likewise being strengthened to remind hog raisers and residents about proper biosecurity.

These include limiting unnecessary movement of pigs, disinfecting farm equipment and footwear, and immediately reporting unusual illness or sudden deaths among pigs.

Swine raisers are reminded not to move, sell, or slaughter pigs that are sick or suspected of having ASF.

The public is also advised not to distribute meat from suspected infected pigs or dispose of dead animals without guidance from veterinary authorities.

Authorities emphasized that ASF does not infect humans, but people can unintentionally spread the virus through contaminated pork products, equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other materials.

The public is therefore urged to cooperate with quarantine and checkpoint personnel, particularly when entering or leaving Agutaya.

DA-MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director Atty. Christopher R. Bañas emphasized the need for continued cooperation among government agencies, local officials, and hog raisers to prevent further spread of the virus.

"Muli po, hinihikayat natin ang ating mga hog raiser na agad makipag-ugnayan sa kanilang Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal o Provincial Veterinary Office, o Agricultural Extension Worker kapag nakapansin ng biglaang pagkakasakit o pagkamatay ng kanilang mga alagang baboy.

CRIME INCIDENTS IN ABRA DOWN BY OVER 30% IN Q3 2026

BANGUED, Abra (PIA) —

The total crime incidence in Abra decreased by more than 30 percent during the third quarter of 2026.

Abra Police Provincial Office (PPO) director Col. Charles Domallig reported that crime incidents in the province are lower by 30.66 percent, dropping from 137 incidents recorded from July to September 2025 to 95 incidents logged in the same period this year.

Both the peace and order and the public safety indicators also went down by 40.96% and 14.81%, respectively.

The capital town of Bangued recorded the highest crime incidents at 27, followed by La Paz with 14, and Dolores with eight incidents.

Domallig added that 15 municipalities of the 27 Abra towns reported a decrease in crime incidents while four towns, namely, Bangued, Langiden, Danglas, and Lacub reported an increase. Six municipalities logged no crime incidents for the quarter.

Focus crimes, which include murder, homicide, physical injuries, rape, robbery, theft, and carjacking of motor vehicles and motorcycles, also decreased.

Domallig also presented a total of P512,714 with 69.53 grams and 200 fully grown marijuana plants confiscated during 14 anti-illegal drugs operations conducted from July to September.

Three high-value individuals and 11 street-level individuals were also

arrested.

Meanwhile, a total of 70 individuals were seized in loose firearms operations, with 105 loose firearms confiscated, surrendered, recovered, and turned in for safekeeping.

Fifty-seven wanted persons were also arrested, of which 14 are Top Most Wanted Persons and 43 other wanted persons.

A total of 1,170,238 board feet worth P86,369.83 were apprehended in 16 anti-illegal logging operations.

Under anti-insurgency efforts, four members of the communist terrorist group surrendered with one firearm.

Domallig also shared that the police continue to be on alert for possible crime incidents in schools following reported shooting incidents in several schools in the country.

Domallig presented the crime situation during the 3rd Quarter Joint Meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council, Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council, and Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict. (JDP/JJMT-PIA-CAR, Abra) **BY JAMIE JOIE M. TUBADEZA**

DOH STRENGTHENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE THROUGH BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

CITY OF ILAGAN, Isabela (PIA) —

The Department of Health-Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DOH-TRC) Cagayan Valley has strengthened the emergency response capabilities of its personnel through a two-day Basic Life Support (BLS) training held from September 22 to 23, 2026.

The activity is part of the center's continuing efforts to ensure prompt and appropriate response to medical emergencies, supporting the thrust of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration to strengthen healthcare services and emergency preparedness.

Hospital Chief Dr. Charity I. Canapi said the training equips employees with essential knowledge and practical skills to respond to life-threatening situations within the facility and help ensure the safety of patients and personnel. "Preparedness is essential

FISH VENDOR'S GROUP IN SIQUIJOR TO BUY PADDLE BOAT WITH DSWD LIVELIHOOD AID

LARENA, Siquijor (PIA) —

Angelita Maghinay, a widow, makes a living selling fish in Barangay Sandugan, Larena, Siquijor. Her group is now buying a paddle boat.

"Mupalit mi og paddle boat ug maghimo mi og payag para sa mga turista (We will buy a paddle boat and build a shelter for tourists)," Maghinay said.

Her group, the Sandugan Fisherfolks Association, received P450,000 from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to buy equipment and develop facilities for both fishing and tourism.

"Pasalamat kaayo ko sa gobyerno nga kami natagaan ug ayuda kay dako kaayo na ug tabang namo (I am very grateful to the government for giving us this assistance because it is a great help to us)," she said.

The association is one of four groups in Larena that received a combined P1.45 million under the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

The Sandugan group received the largest share, followed by the Cangbangag Site Guide Association with P380,000,

the Cabulihan Kakugi Association with P320,000, and the Dumalaay Vendors Association with P300,000.

The money came through the program's Seed Capital Fund, which covers the purchase of tools, raw materials, common service facilities, and other assets needed to start or expand a microenterprise, according to the DSWD.

The funds were turned over at the covered courts of the respective barangay halls in Larena.

Under the SLP, the DSWD organizes associations of 15 to 30 members and releases the seed capital after members complete the required skills training.

The program is open to poor, vulnerable, and marginalized households, and participants in its microenterprise track must be at least 16 years old and belong to an SLP association.

In addition to seed capital, the program provides skills training funds, employment assistance, and cash grants for building livelihood assets.

The DSWD in the Negros Island Region has released seed capital to associations across its provinces this year.

In September, four farmers and vendors associations in southern Negros Occidental received P2.4 million, including a group in Hinoba-an that will run a community restaurant and snorkeling gear rental near a marine sanctuary. (RAC/PIA-NIR Siquijor) **BY RIZALIE CALIBO**

culture of preparedness and responsive healthcare service among its personnel.

The training concluded with a message from Floro A. Orata, Chief Health Program Officer, who emphasized the need for healthcare workers to remain prepared to respond effectively during emergencies.

Through continuing capacity-building activities such as the BLS training, DOH-TRC 2 aims to enhance the readiness of its personnel to provide timely assistance and help maintain a safe environment for patients, staff, and other stakeholders. (OTB/MGE/PIA Isabela) **Photos courtesy of DOH-TRC 2**

CAVITE PRODUCTS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT OTOP PHILIPPINES TRADE FAIR AND EXHIBIT

Cavite's homegrown products are taking center stage as local entrepreneurs bring their creativity, skills, and enterprise to a wider market through the OTOP Philippines Trade Fair and Exhibit 2026, which opened on September 30 at the Activity Center of SM City Molino in Bacoor City.

Organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), the five-day trade fair features 30 exhibitors offering a variety of proudly Cavite-made products, giving consumers an opportunity to discover and support local enterprises.

With the theme "Elevating Local Excellence through Innovation and Market Readiness," the activity goes beyond product display as it provides local Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with an avenue to strengthen their presence in the market, engage directly

with consumers, and explore opportunities for business expansion.

Adding another highlight to the event is the launching of the One Barangay, One Product (OBOP) in the City of Bacoor, showcasing the potential of barangay-based enterprises and locally developed products as part of community-level economic development.

The trade fair is a collaborative undertaking of the OPCDO, City Government of Bacoor through the Bacoor City Livelihood and Development Department, Department of Trade and Industry-Cavite, and SM City Molino, working together to provide greater exposure and market opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

Running until October 4, 2026, the exhibit invites shoppers and visitors to experience the variety of Cavite-made products and, at the same time, contribute to the growth of local enterprises by choosing to buy local. — **OPIO**

PGC STRENGTHENS INTERNAL AUDIT CAPACITY THROUGH AI TRAINING

The Cavite Quality Management Office of the Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a two-day seminar-workshop for its Internal Quality Auditors (IQAs) on September 22–23, 2026, focusing on audit finding report (AFR) preparation and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in internal quality auditing.

The activity aimed to equip IQAs with the knowledge and skills to effectively utilize AI in various stages of the auditing process, including audit planning and risk assessment, development of audit procedures, analysis of audit evidence,

and preparation of audit reports.

The seminar brought together IQAs from various offices of the Provincial Government of Cavite and featured discussions facilitated by Ms. Anne Minnette M. Dastas, head of the Office of the Provincial Internal Audit Services (OPIAS). She provided insights on how AI can support auditors in performing audit-related tasks while emphasizing the importance of appropriate and responsible use of AI tools.

A workshop on developing effective AI prompts was also conducted to guide

PGC EMPLOYEES RECEIVE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES

Employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) received their performance incentives during a simple distribution program held on September 28, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The activity was conducted to recognize the employees' exemplary performance, dedication, and continued commitment to the effective and efficient delivery of public services. The incentives were given to September birthday celebrators to serve as an acknowledgment of their contributions to the programs and initiatives of the provincial government.

Governor Abeng Remulla and Vice Governor

Ram Revilla Bautista, together with members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, led the distribution of the performance incentives and conveyed their appreciation to the employees for their valuable service and dedication to the Provincial Government of Cavite.

The initiative underscores the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, professionalism, and accountability among its workforce, while encouraging employees to continuously uphold high standards in the delivery of quality public service to the people of Cavite. —

OPIO

CAVITE CAREER CARAVAN BRINGS JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO CARMONA

The Provincial Government of Cavite brought job opportunities and government services closer to Caviteños in the City of Carmona through the Cavite Career Caravan on September 16, 2026. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, the event welcomed 637 jobseekers who came to explore employment

participants in generating audit checklists and questionnaires that may be used in the conduct of actual audits.

The activity underscored the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing efforts to strengthen its quality management system and enhance the capabilities of its personnel through the responsible and effective use of AI tools, in support of more efficient, innovative, and responsive public service. — **OPIO**

opportunities offered by 40 participating companies.

The caravan recorded 222 near-hired applicants, while 23 jobseekers were hired on the spot, giving many Caviteños a step closer to securing employment.

Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola also graced the event and expressed her support for programs that help connect residents with employment opportunities.

More than just a job fair, the Career Caravan also provided access to important government services through participating national government agencies, including SSS, Pag-IBIG, PhilHealth, PNP, NBI, DTI, TESDA, PSA, BIR, LandBank, and OPCDO.

With employers and government agencies gathered in one venue, the Cavite Career Caravan continues to make job opportunities

U4U TEEN TRAIL EMPOWERS CAVITE YOUTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, DIALOGUE AND REFLECTION

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Population Officer (OPPO) led by Provincial Population Officer Ms. Eloisa L. Comia, in partnership with the City Government of Bacoor through its Office of Population Development, conducted the U4U Teen Trail on September 26, 2026, at Bacoor National High School–Main.

The youth-centered activity provided participants with meaningful discussions and interactive learning sessions on issues relevant to adolescents, including responsible decision-making, youth empowerment, and mental health. Beyond gaining information, the participants were encouraged to reflect on how these lessons could translate into meaningful initiatives within their schools and communities.

Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla delivered the opening remarks, setting the tone for a gathering that placed young people at the center of the conversation. Mr. John Riger Amargo Drio II shared an inspirational message, encouraging participants to recognize their potential and use their voices with purpose, while Mr. Paul Mark Feranil of OPPO formally acknowledged the participants in their active involvement.

The learning sessions tackled three vital areas affecting today's youth. Dr. Merlinda C. Legaspi discussed Responsible Sexuality, emphasizing the importance of informed and responsible choices. Ms. Danica Shaira P. Pontimar facilitated the session on Youth Empowerment, encouraging participants to recognize their capacity to contribute

and essential services more accessible to the people of Cavite bringing opportunities closer to home, one community at a time. — **OPIO**

and lead. Meanwhile, Ps. Larry B. Cabero led the discussion on Mental Health Awareness, highlighting the importance of emotional well-being, seeking support, and developing healthy coping mechanisms.

Adding a creative and reflective dimension to the activity was the #BakasBukas Exhibit, which encouraged participants to look at their experiences, aspirations, and the choices that can help shape their future.

The participants also shared their action plans, translating the insights gained from the sessions into concrete steps and initiatives. This provided the youth with an opportunity to move beyond discussion and identify practical ways they can contribute to positive change in their schools and communities.

Keeping the energy high, the Teen Facilitators performed the U4U Song and Dance, showcasing their confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm while adding a lively celebration of youth participation to the activity.

Closing the event, Ms. Eloisa L. Comia, Provincial Population Officer, delivered the closing remarks, underscoring the importance of continuously equipping young people with knowledge, guidance, and opportunities to participate meaningfully in matters that affect their lives and future.

Through the U4U Teen Trail, the PGC and the City Government of Bacoor reaffirmed their shared commitment to creating spaces where young people can learn, speak up, collaborate, and become active partners in building healthier and more empowered communities.

The activity was more than a trail of discussions—it was a step toward helping young people find their voice, shape their choices, and turn their ideas into action. — **OPIO**



EALA SECURES SINGLES BRONZE MEDAL IN ASIAD

MANILA – Top seed Alexandra Eala failed to reach the 20th Asian Games women's singles final after bowing to Chinese Xiyu Wang, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, at the Nagoya City Hihashiyama Park Tennis Center in Japan on Thursday.

Eala had to settle for the bronze, the same medal she took home in the 2023 Hangzhou, China edition. The world No. 38 Wang will face compatriot Shuai Zhang in the gold medal round on Friday.

Zhang defeated Kazakhstan's Yuliya Putintseva, 6-4, 6-2, in the other semifinal match.

The 39-year-old Zhang is a three-time Grand Slam champion in women's doubles, with Aussie partner Samantha Stosur in the 2019 Australian Open and 2021 US Open with, and with Belgian Elise Mertens in the 2026

Australian Open.

Meanwhile, No. 8 Hayato Matsuoka of Japan ousted No. 2 Aleksandr Shevchenko of Kazakhstan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, to advance to the men's singles semis against No. 3 Yibing Wu of China, who scored a 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 7 Sumit Nagal of India.

No. 14 Khumoyun Sultanov of Uzbekistan also made it to the Final Four, eliminating No. 6 Tseng Chun-Hsin of Chinese Taipei, 7-6 (6), 6-2, to set up a meeting with No. 1 Coleman Wong

of Hong Kong, who beat No. 12 Kasidit Samrej of Thailand, 6-3, 6-0.

In the men's doubles, top seeds Jisung Nam and Uisung Park of South Korea survived third seeds Ho Chenjui and Hsu Yhsiou of Chinese Taipei, 7-6 (3), 2-6, [11-9], to set up a final showdown with fourth seeds Yusuke Kusahara and Shunsuke Nakagawa of Japan, who won over Fumin Jiang and Tianhui of China, 6-4, 0-6, [10-6]. (PNA) | (POC Media Pool photo) **BY JEAN MALANUM**



KOREAN COACH HELPS PH SNARE HISTORIC ARCHERY SILVER IN ASIAN GAMES

MANILA – The historic silver medal won by archer Amaya Paz-Cojuangco in the Aichi-Nagoya 20th Asian Games women's individual compound event is credited to the system implemented by South Korean coaches in the national team.

"If I don't get a medal in the Asian Games, I will just go back to Korea and leave you. I have never lost a medal in a tournament," Korean Ryu Su Jeng told the Filipino archers last month.

For a squad still adjusting to the Korean system's intensity, it was a jolt, but for Cojuangco, it was fuel.

Her silver medal is the country's first archery podium finish in the Asian Games since 2014, when Paul Dela Cruz won bronze.

"Bringing coach Ryu into the national archery program stands as one of our most decisive and transformative moves, and the Asian Games performance has emphatically affirmed that," Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman John Patrick Gregorio said, as quoted in a news release Friday.

Ryu helped guide South Korea to five Olympic gold medals, two in Rio 2016

and three in Tokyo 2020. But when Gregorio brought Ryu and fellow Korean coach Hong Sung Chil to Manila, the question lingered: Could their championship mindset translate to Filipino archers?

After the national archers' Asiad stint, Gregorio believes the answer is emphatic.

"If you want the best results, you should hire and bring the best coaches on the planet. This is exactly the mindset we had when we hired coaches Ryu and Hong," he said.

Their impact has been

MANILA – Far Eastern University-Diliman relied on Maryjane Ifunanya "MJ" Udeagbala to secure its first victory in the UAAP Season 89 girls volleyball Friday at the Paco Arena in Manila.

The Nigerian opposite spiker scored 14 points on 10 attacks and four aces as the Baby Tamaraws conquered the Junior Fighting Maroons, 25-14, 25-15, 25-19, after one hour and 13 minutes.

FEU-D, the Season 88 runner-up, and FEU-D joined Ateneo de Manila University in third place at 1-2.

Defending champion National University-Nazareth School is unbeaten in three outings, while University of Santo Tomas, Adamson University and De La Salle-Zobel are tied for second at 2-1.

"Kailangan lang namin siguro mag-focus dun sa mga ginagawa namin kasi masyadong marami kaming ine-error. Siguro yun yung kailangan naming mas i-improve pa. Maganda naman 'yung ginalaw ngayon ng mga bata pero sana, kung ano man 'yung kulang pa namin, sana ma-improve pa (We probably just need to focus on what we're doing, because we're committing too many errors. That's likely the area we need to improve further. The team played well today, but hopefully,

we can address whatever is still lacking)," FEU-D head coach Joanne Bunag said.

"Sana magtuloy-tuloy na kasi galing kami ng dalawang talo. Sana itong unang panalo namin, magtuloy-tuloy na hanggang sa madala namin doon sa second round. Maraming games pa, malayo pa, mahaba pa ang season (I hope this momentum continues, especially since we're coming off two losses. I hope this first win carries over into the second round. There are still plenty of games left; the season is far from over)," she added. Opposite hitter Diosa Andrea Perez contributed nine points on six attacks and three blocks while outside spiker Joeyana Claire Bongo added eight points on seven attacks and one ace.

Portia Isabella Asistio kept FEU-D's offense in rhythm with nine excellent sets, while Querstine Paragas anchored the backcourt with 14 digs and nine receptions.

"Syempre ang una munang

goal namin pumasok muna kami dun sa Final Four. Ngayon, after ng top four, tsaka na namin tatrabahuhin makuha 'yung pinaka-goal namin. Alam naman natin, lahat naman siguro ng teams gusto talaga mag-champion (Of course, our initial goal is to make it to the Final Four. Now, after the top four, we'll focus on working toward our ultimate goal. After all, every team wants to be the champion)," said Bunag.

Niña Isabel Abad led the Junior Fighting Maroons with 10 points, 10 digs and four receptions. (PNA)

STANDOUT. Nigerian Maryjane Ifunanya "MJ" Udeagbala led Far Eastern University-Diliman to a 25-14, 25-15, 25-19 victory over University of the Philippines Integrated School in the UAAP Season 89 girls' volleyball at the Paco Arena in Manila on Friday (Oct. 2, 2026). The opposite spiker finished with 14 points on 10 attacks and four aces. (UAAP photo) **BY JEAN MALANUM**

