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## Gov't urged to fast-track measures on mandatory food warning labels

MANILA – A network of public health advocates and civil society organizations on Wednesday urged the government to implement measures that will protect Filipino consumers from unhealthy food products and noncommunica-

ble diseases (NCDs).

The Healthy Philippines Alliance (HPA) noted these measures include a nutrient profile model (NPM) paired with a mandatory food warning label law.

“We need a robust NPM that sets thresh-

old levels for sugar, sodium, and saturated fats in pre-packaged food products. Those that go beyond the thresholds will be identified through mandatory front-of-pack food warning labels to help consumers  
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# Marcos inaugurates grains terminal, trading project in Batangas City

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday led the inauguration of the Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative (SIDC) Grains Terminal and Trading Project in Batangas City.

In a keynote speech, Marcos said the new feed mill facility, which has two silos with a total capaci-

ty of 12,000 metric tons of corn, can produce around 480,000 sacks of feed for over 100,000 pigs or almost 600,000 chickens.

“Sa pamamagitan nito, mas magiging maayos ang pag-iimbak ng ating mais. Mas magiging matibay ang ating suporta sa industriya ng poultry at saka ng livestock (Through

this, our corn storage will be better. Our support for the poultry and livestock industries will be stronger),” Marcos said.

“At higit sa lahat, magkakaroon ng katiyakan ng kita ang ating mga magsasaka at ang ating mga negosyante, hindi lamang dito sa Batangas, kun-

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## DTI empowers sari-sari stores through digitalization

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Calabarzon continues to support micro-retailers also known as sari-sari stores by promoting digitalization through the “Tindahan Mo, e-Level Up Mo” program.

DTI Assistant Regional Director Revelyn Cortez said that DTI’s digitalization efforts are not limited to medium-sized businesses but also include micro-retailers.



She emphasized the agency’s commitment to helping small businesses transition to digital platforms through capacity-building training

sessions designed to enhance their knowledge and skills in e-commerce and digital transactions.

“Digitalization is one of DTI’s five-point



**FEED MILL FACILITY.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (fourth from left) leads the inauguration of the Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative Grains Terminal and Trading Project in Batangas City on Thursday (March 13, 2025). The inauguration is part of the government’s commitment to strengthen the country’s agriculture sector. (Screenshot from Radio Television Malacañang)

agenda. Even sari-sari stores are now part of this initiative. We provide them seminars on how to order and sell products online, as well as how to better reach their customers through digital platforms,” Cortez said during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on March 11.

Since last year, the DTI Calabarzon has been going around the region to roll out the program, equipping micro-retailers with knowledge on the use

of various digital tools.

Training sessions cover topics such as mobile wallets and digital payments in partnership with financial technology providers like Uno Digital Bank and GCash. Entrepreneurs are also introduced to online banking applications, enabling them to open savings accounts and

access loan programs to expand their businesses.

The DTI has also partnered with GCash to introduce the GCash Pera Outlet, to allow sari-sari store owners and retailers earn additional income through digital payment services, cash-in, and cash-out transactions.

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di sa buong Calabarzon (And above all, our farmers and our businessmen will have income security, not only here in Batangas, but throughout Calabarzon),” he added.

Marcos said the inauguration of the feed mill facility is a testament that cooperatives like SIDC can compete with large businesses and build large facilities.

“I extend my own personal congratulations being a great supporter of the cooperative movement. SIDC is one of our models at examples of how a cooperative should be run, how a cooperative helps its members, and how a cooperative helps the industry,” he said.

The SIDC, one of the largest agri-based cooperatives in the Philippines, continues to empower farmers and cooperative members since its inception in 1969.

It is expanding its initiatives to improve market access, enhance production quality and ensure sustainable livelihood for its members.

The newly inaugurated grains terminal and trading project further strengthens the SIDC’s role in the agricultural supply chain.

In 2021, the SIDC also inaugurated a state-of-the-art rice mill, with a five ton-per-hour capacity to process rice for its farming members. (PNA)

## Hospitals urged to submit good claims to ensure faster payments

MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Thursday reminded hospitals and health facilities to submit good claims to receive payments due their services.

In a public advisory, the state insurer said its national turnaround time (TAT) on good claims for 2024 has improved to 24 days from 34 days for 2023.

“This only shows our continuous commitment to processing and payment of good claims ahead of prescribed 60 days TAT,” it said.

Good claims are claims without deficiencies and compliant

to all pertinent policies and requirements of the National Health Insurance Program and the Universal Health Care.

“While our benefit payout for CY (calendar year) 2024 increased by 22.71 percent from PHP119 billion in CY 2023 to PHP165 billion for CY 2024, however about 5.3 percent of the claims received, estimated to cost around PHP10 billion were either denied payment or returned to hospitals due to deficiencies or violations of existing policies and guidelines,” the PhilHealth said.

Last week, Phil-



Health President and Chief Executive Officer Edwin Mercado said the state insurer will start reprocessing 1.1 million denied claims amounting to PHP8.8 billion from Dec. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2024.

Health facilities are urged to submit good claims earlier than the prescribed 60-day period to further reduce

and ensure early release of payment.

PhilHealth vowed to work closely with healthcare providers and other partners through continuous reconciliation to maintain the quality of service and improved financial support value for its members. (PNA)

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avoid products that can harm them,” HPA lead convenor and former health secretary Jaime Galvez Tan said in a statement.

“These interventions in turn encourage the food and beverage industry to reformulate their products,” he added.

The HPA maintains its position for the Philippines to adopt a strong pro-consumer NPM aligned with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Model and the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO), citing maximum intake for nutrients of concern—sugar, sodium, and fats—to combat diabetes, cancers, and chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Tan disclosed the WHO and PA-

HO-based NPM has been pending at the National Nutrition Council.

“Contrary to what the industry has raised, the WHO PAHO Model is appropriate even to the Philippine population because the thresholds are based on WHO’s population nutrient intake goals. It is a tool meant for consumer protection,” he said.

“Front-of-pack food labeling is listed as one of WHO’s ‘best buy’ solutions to promote healthy diets and prevent NCDs,” he added.

A study published in January 2025 indicated that food products tagged with “High in” warning labels significantly dropped from 70.8 percent to 52.5 percent after full implementation of the food warning label

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Another initiative, the Smart Ka-Partner App in partnership with Smart Communications, provides micro-retailers with a more convenient way to manage their loading businesses while increasing their earning potential.

law in Chile.

This indicates that food manufacturers chose reformulation, wherein levels of sugar, sodium, and fats were lowered across several food and beverage products.

The National Kidney Transplant Institute estimates that one Filipino every hour develops CKD.

In 2021, the Philippine Society of Nephrology said at least 7 million Filipinos are diagnosed with CKD.

Additionally, a 2022

Aside from digitalization, the DTI also provides other training activities to empower sari-sari store owners through financial literacy, sustainable practices, and consumer protection. (CM, PIA4A)

study showed that the prevalence of CKD nationwide is at 35.94 percent, which means three in every 10 Filipinos suffer from the disease.

The WHO also reported in 2022 that among the cancer types, colorectal cancer is the third most common among Filipinos, with more than 20,700 cases yearly. It is the fourth cause of death nationwide, claiming about 10,700 lives annually. (PNA)

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**PGC Brings Free HealthCare to Magdalo, Kawit**

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), successfully held a Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Magdalo, Kawit on March 3, 2025, providing free healthcare services to 256 residents.

With the dedication of OPHO’s medical professionals and staff, residents received much-needed check-ups, treatments, and dental care, all at no cost. Smiles were brighter, and spirits were higher as the community embraced the opportunity for better health.

Brgy. Chairperson Francis Fernandez graced the event and expressed gratitude to the PGC for its unwavering support in making healthcare accessible.

With programs like this, the PGC proves that good health is a right, not a privilege – one smile, one service at a time.--- OPIO



**Free Medical Mission in Brgy. Milagrosa Residents**

A wave of compassion and care swept through the community of Brgy. Milagrosa in the City of Carmona as 486 residents availed of free medical consultations and medicines during the medical mission organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite on March 5, 2025.

Graced by Mayor Dahlia Loyola and 5th District Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide, the initiative brought together expert medical practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, CarSiGMA District Hospital, and the City Health Office. Their collective efforts ensured quality healthcare services reached those in need, reinforcing the city’s commitment to public welfare.---OPIO



**Free Medical and Dental care provided to residents of Brgy. Bucal 2, Maragondon**

On March 7, 2025, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully organized a medical and dental mission in Barangay Bucal 2, Maragondon. The mission provided essential healthcare services to 231 patients, including free medical consultations, health check-ups, prescribed medications, haircuts, and mosquito repellent lotion.

Of the 231 patients served, 179 received medical care, while 52 benefited from free dental services.

The event highlighted the province’s commitment to improving healthcare access and addressing the needs of local communities.--- OPIO



**PGC’s health event benefits 448 Naic residents**

A total of 448 residents from Pasinaya West, Barangay Sabang in Naic, received free healthcare services during a medical and dental mission conducted on March 8, 2025.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite, with medical teams from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the Tagaytay City Health Office, aimed to bring accessible medical and dental care to the community, ensuring that residents receive proper healthcare consultations and treatments.

Local officials and beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the successful implementation of the mission, emphasizing the importance of continuous medical outreach programs to improve public health and well-being.

**The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.**

*Proverbs 13:20*

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Republic of the Philippines  
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AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

File No. FC-DC-1656-25  
For: **Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118**

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),**

Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

**RAMON T. JULAGTING, JR.**

Respondent/Mortgagor,

X-----X

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the respondent/mortgagor, **RAMON T. JULAGTING, JR.** with postal address at 609 M.V. Delos Santos St., Sampaloc, Manila, Lot 16 Block 22, Village Park Subdivision, Barangay Langkaan I, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **20 December 2024** amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND SIXTY FIVE PESOS & 74/100 (Php 489,065.74)** exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **April 25, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Brgy. Buro 2, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
No. T-816406**

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

A parcel of land (Lot 16 Blk. 22 of the cons./subd. plan PCS-04-010634 being a portion of the cons. of Lots 6919, Imus Estate & Lot 6918-I, (LRC) PSD-296038, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. of Langkaan, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by Lot 18 Blk. 22; on the SE., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 22; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 14; and on the NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 17 both of Blk. 22, all of the cons. subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being N. 04 deg. 25'W., 3699.97 m from Mon. 99, Imus Estate; thence S. 17 deg. 52'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 72 deg. 08'W., 4.00 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 17 Deg. 52'W., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 72 deg. 08'E., 4.00 m. to pt. of beginning, containing an area of **THIRTY EIGHT (38) Sq. Meters.**

All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cm.; bearings true; date of orig. survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey Jan. 4-31, 1995 and was approved on July 28, 1995.

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

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **May 9, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, February 19, 2025.

**GERALD A. FARGAS**  
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2025 kicks off with energy and excitement

**Peace and security vital to Calabarzon's economic growth**

CALAMBA CITY holiday season. Despite these challenges, NEDA praised the continuous modernization, upskilling, and improved investigative capabilities of law enforcement.

Angela Legaspi, senior economic specialist at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 4A, highlighted the efforts of law enforcement agencies to maintain peace and order as key indicators in community trust.

“Our economy experienced both challenges and improvement as innovation, youth, and public safety efforts showed positive outcomes. Despite these challenges, we recognize the region’s strong commitment to public safety and resilience, particularly in law enforcement.”

Aside from the region’s peace and security, the Calabarzon region’s thriving livestock, poultry, and fisheries sectors were crucial in boosting the regional economy.

Legaspi emphasized the need for stricter peace and security measures ahead of the 2025 National and Local Elections and the

holiday season. Despite these challenges, NEDA praised the continuous modernization, upskilling, and improved investigative capabilities of law enforcement.

“We still need to strengthen our peace and security, especially in anticipation of the upcoming elections and summer vacation. Addressing and resolving crime incidents in Calabarzon will also serve as key indicators in community trust.”

Enhanced peace and order mechanisms have boosted tourism, evident in the surge of passenger traffic during the holiday season.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency’s Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, the Department of Tourism (DOT) reported a significant increase in overnight tourist arrivals in CALABARZON with 12,270,849—a 30 percent increase from 9,405,266 in 2023. Meanwhile, Same Day Arrivals in 2024 surged to 160,788,213 from 112,517,404 in the previous year. (PB/PIA4A)

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LRC CASE NO. 5964-075-24

**IN RE: PETITION FOR REPLACEMENT OF OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018039282 IN LIEU OF THE LOST COPY**

**APOLINAR O. PANDATO III**  
REPRESENTED BY: **ANGELICO ZENON M. DELOS REYES,**  
Petitioner,

X-----X

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Filed before this Court is a verified Petition for Replacement of Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018039282 issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite in the name of **APOLINAR O. PANDATO III**, the registered owner.

After being satisfied that the Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on **June 16, 2025 and August 4, 2025, both at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon**, at which date, hour, and place any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Hearing be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and be posted at the General Trias City Public Market, the City and the Barangay Halls where the property is situated, as well as on the land itself located at Wellington Place, Barangay Pasong Camachile, General Trias City, Cavite, and other copies be furnished to the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, petitioner, and his counsel.

The Sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post copies of this Notice accordingly. The petitioner is likewise directed to submit a copy of the Petition with its annexes to the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite.

Send a copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffle of the publication.

**SO ORDERED.**  
Trece Martires City, Cavite, December 10, 2024.

**GAYSOL C. LUNA**  
Presiding Judge

**Copy Furnished:**

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**Better is a handful of rest than two handfuls of hard work and chasing after the wind.**

*Ecclesiastes 4:6*

## MPT South kicks off its 2025 “Bayani ng Kalsada” Caravan



“Bayani ng Kalsada” was developed to educate young students on road safety practices and ensure the safety of children as they travel to and from school. Through the activity’s interactive workshops, engaging presentations, and practical demonstrations, students can learn essential skills, including the importance of traffic signals, safe pedestrian behaviors, and how to recognize potential road hazards.

“Educating our children about road safety is crucial. We believe that instilling these lessons at a young age can create lifelong good habits and a positive attitude towards keeping themselves and others safe as they

## MPT South Achieves Triple ISO Certification, Strengthening Commitment to Excellence and Sustainability



MPT South, the concessionaire of the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), and a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, was recently granted three International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certifications. The company achieved certifications for ISO 9001 (Quality Management), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management), and ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety), showcasing its commitment to operational excellence and sustainable business practices.

To celebrate this milestone, an awarding ceremony was held on January 27, 2025, at Sequoia Hotel, where certifying body, DQS Certification Philippines formally presented the certificates to the MPT South Management Committee, led by Officer-in-Charge Ms. Elnora D. Rumawak.

“This achievement reflects MPT South’s unwavering commitment to excellence, sustainability, and the safety of every motorist we serve,” said Ms. Rumawak.

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grow,” said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPT South. “We are committed to making our community safer by empowering our youth with the knowledge they need to form a culture of safety starting with themselves, their family and neighbors.”

“Our learners had a blast during this very worthwhile and interactive reading session, as they enjoyed the stories shared through the ‘Bayani Ka’ material. The fun didn’t stop there, they received free school supplies and were also treated to free snacks to complete the experience! Buenavista Elementary School is beyond grateful to be chosen as a recipient of this rare and valuable initiative. We thank MPCALA for the opportunity to educate our young learners about the importance of road safety in such an engaging way,” said Ms. Helen Catanaoan, Principal of Buenavista Elementary School.

Buenavista Elementary School also received a total of 100 “Bayani Ka” books to reinforce what the students learned during the program and to encourage ongoing conversations about road safety at home. Aside from “Bayani Ka” books, MPT South also gave school supplies and meals for the participating students. MPT South will continue to cultivate students across Cavite and Laguna, giving emphasis to the importance of community partnerships in promoting safe habits among children.

### About MPT South

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC’s domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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## Petecio, Villegas to headline 2nd PSC All Women Sports Awards

MANILA – Paris Olympics bronze medal winners Nesthy Petecio and Aira Villegas headline the honor roll in the 2nd PSC All Women Sports Awards set on March 15 at the Century Park Hotel.

The two lady boxers will be the recipients of the Female Athletes of the Year honor following their podium finish in the 33rd edition of the Summer Games held last year in the French capital.

“We will actually honor our Olympic bronze medalists Nesthy Petecio and Aira Villegas. Sila yung ating Female Athletes of the Year,” Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Executive Director Paulo Tatad officially announced on Tuesday during the Philippine Sports-writers Association (PSA) Forum at the conference hall of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

Tatad represented in the weekly session Commissioner and bowling great Bong Co, who was the brainchild behind the event in cooperation with the PSC to honor outstanding Filipino women in the field of sports and their achievements and contributions to the Philippine sports landscape.

Likewise, the program is being held



Paris Olympics bronze medal winners Nesthy Petecio (left) and Aira Villegas (right) with double-gold medalist Carlos Yulo (File photo)

in celebration of the National Women’s Month.

PSC All-Women Sports Award secretariat head Rachel Dumuk joined Tatad in the same Forum presented by San Miguel Corporation, PSC, Philippine Olympic Committee, MILO, Smart/PLDT and the country’s 24/7 sports app ArenaPlus.

Dumuk said aside from the Athletes of the Year, also to be handed out are Lifetime Achievement Award, Major Awards, Outstanding Female Coaches of the Year, Flame Awards, Special Citations, Female Executive Awards, and Posthumous Awards.

Hangzhou Asian Games jiu-jitsu gold medal winner Meggie Ochoa, who recently retired from competing, is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Bata pa itong Lifetime Awardee natin si

(Our Lifetime Awardee is still young) Meggie Ochoa, given what she has contributed to the sport so far. She just retired as an athlete, but at the same time she’s taking up coaching as she wants to impact the next generation of jiu-jitsu athletes,” Tatad said.

Filipina tennis star Alex Eala, Agatha Wong of wushu, and 77-year-old wonder and ultramarathoner Erlinda Ogsimer, will be recognized with the Flame Awards, which is given to female sports icons who became symbols of their respective sports.

Also to be recognized are several Para athletes, who are achievers in their own rights including the likes of Agustina Bantiloc (para archer), Cendy Asusano (para javelin throw), Citadel Mendoza (para chess), Andrea Estrella (para obstacle course), Edilyn De Asis (para



### A Dart Tournament thrills PGC employees.

As the PGC Inter-Department Sportsfest continues, employees from various offices participated in a Dart Tournament held at the Provincial Gymnasium on March 5, 2025.

The players formed teams to showcase their stability and focus while throwing darts, aiming for the bullseye.

Among the 20 teams that competed, the winners stood out with impressive performances. The Office of the Provincial Administrator, consisting of Mr. Jeove Cambel, Mr. EA Miranda, and Mr. Julieta Nabelon, claimed the Champion title. The 1st Runner-up position went to the Office of the Provincial Youth Development Officer, represented by Mr. Mark Jhon Esguerra, Mr. Jay-R Rodil, and Mr. Antonio Naval. The 2nd Runner-up was awarded to the Office of the Provincial General Services Officer, with Mr. Mark Ersando, Mr. Richie Montoya, and Mr. Kim Cuesta as team members. Finally, the Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office, comprised of Mr. Ryan Tuaño, Mr. Jojit Hermeno, and Mr. Arhel Del Barrio, secured the 3rd Runner-up position.

The event highlighted the employees’ unique way of connecting with their colleagues while fostering friendly rivalry through darts.--- OPIO



### Women’s Welfare Program Sparks Change and Empowers Women.

During last week’s Women’s Welfare Program, the provincial government returned to Naic on March 5 and in Mendez, Cavite on March 7, continuing its mission to bring hope and empower women across the province.

Eighth District Congresswoman Aniela Tolentino, alongside Mendez Mayor Cocoy Mendoza, supported the event. The initiative provided ₱2,000 each to 3,200 women in Naic and 2,000 in Mendez. Demonstrating that even a modest financial boost can spark significant community change, the effort underscored that economic empowerment is the secret ingredient for a more vibrant and inclusive Cavite.--- OPIO

dancesport), Marydol Pamati-an (para powerlifting), Achelle ‘Jinky’ Guion (para powerlifting), and Angel Otom (para swimming).

A total of 136 awardees will be cited and given a plaque

of citations and commemorative rings courtesy of the PSC under Chairman Richard Bachmann.

The selection committee was composed of Olympic gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, fellow Olympian Aki-

ko Thompson, Judith Staples of the National Masters and Seniors Athletics Association of the Philippines, Nestle Philippines executive Veronica Cruz, and an official from the PSC-POC Media Group. (PR)