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Champion homegrown products, Marcos urges Filipinos

MANILA — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. called on Filipinos to actively support and take pride in local food products, emphasizing the importance of championing homegrown businesses to drive the nation's economic growth.

Speaking at the Bagong Pilipinas National Food Fair on Wednesday, Marcos urged Filipinos to recognize the brilliance of the country's cu-

linary heritage as he acknowledged the Filipino Food Month celebration this April.

"This April, we are celebrating the Filipino Food Month, an important occasion where we honor valued traditions passed down through generations, reflecting our identity as Filipinos through the food that we prepare and enjoy," Marcos said.

The Chief Executive also recognized the

growing global admiration for Filipino cuisine, urging the public to take pride in their own culinary heritage.

"Marami na rin ang mga dayuhan na humahanga sa kakaibang sarap ng ating mga pagkain. Kaya sana, tayo namang mga Pilipino mismo ang manguna sa pagkikilala sa mga putahe at lutong Pinoy," he said, encouraging Filipinos to

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Batangas blood council lauded for support to nat'l blood donation program

BATANGAS CITY (PIA) — The Department of Health (DOH) Calabarzon has commended the Batangas Provincial Blood Council for its contributions to the National Voluntary Blood Services Program.

Recognizing the province's consistent efforts in promoting safe and sufficient blood supply, the regional health office highlighted Batangas' remarkable blood collection performance, which reached 170.2 percent in 2024 — a



notable rise from 137 percent in 2023.

According to DOH Calabarzon, the council has played a vital role in blood donation advocacy, benefiting not only Batangas but the entire Calabarzon Region. The World Health Organization

recommends that blood collection must reach at least 1 percent of a population to meet regional needs — a benchmark that Batangas has far exceeded.

Composed of various government agencies, local offices, and institutions from the health

Laguna town enhances childcare services

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) — In a bid to support solo parents and their children, the local government of Los Baños, Laguna continues to provide safe and inclusive spaces for children through its newly-im-

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SUMPTUOUS. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and presidential son William Vincent Marcos tour around the Bagong Pilipinas National Food Fair at SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City on Wednesday (April 9, 2025). Organized by the Department of Trade and Industry, the five-day showpiece features over 250 food-based micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from across the country promoting sustainability and technological advancements in food production, packaging, and manufacturing. (RTVM screengrab)

DFA: 1 Filipino confirmed dead in Myanmar quake

MANILA — The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on Wednesday confirmed the death of one Filipino in Myanmar following the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck the Southeast Asian country last month.

DFA Undersecretary Eduardo Jose de Vega, in a statement, said the remains of one of the four missing Filipinos "have been positively identified" in Myanmar's central city of Mandalay. "The family of the deceased Filipino has been so informed. Out of respect for their privacy in this time of grief, we are withholding further information on the matter," he said. The Philippine government, he said, continues to work and hopes for the best for the remaining three

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local dishes and food products.

The President also called for continued support for the country's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which play a vital role in the local economy.

"Let us continue to champion our home-grown products, elevate them to new heights, and embrace the brilliance of Filipino craftsmanship and ingenuity," Marcos said.

Organized by the Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Market Development, Promotions, and OTOP (DTI-BMDPO), the five-day showpiece features over 250 outstanding food-based micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from across the country.

The fair, which serves as a platform for promoting sustainability and technological advancements in food production, packaging, and manufacturing, also focuses on accelerating the digital transformation of MSMEs.

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Filipinos who are still unaccounted in the city.

Alvin Aragon initially confirmed on Wednesday morning that the body of his brother Francis, one of the four missing Filipinos, has been found.

"Ipinapaalam po [naming] na nakita na po ['yong] kapatid namin at masakit man sa amin tanggapin [kasama na siya] ni Lord ngayon (We

As part of the initiative, participants are offered tools for e-commerce, digital marketing, logistics, and cashless payment solutions.

"The National Food Fair is more than a gastronomic celebration of our rich and diverse culinary heritage. It is a testament to the incredible talent, ingenuity, and industry of our local farmers and artisans who bring pride and honor to our country," Marcos said.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the vast regional diversity of the products featured at the fair, and expressed gratitude to the private sector for its continued support of government programs, which, he said, play a crucial role in empowering local MSMEs and strengthening the economy.

The fair is expected to run through the weekend, offering an opportunity for Filipinos to explore and support the wealth of local products while contributing to the growth of homegrown businesses across the nation. (PNA)

would like to inform that our brother has been found and while it hurts to accept, he is now with the Lord," he wrote on a Facebook post.

"We are currently mourning and grieving for the [loss] of our youngest brother... we thank God for all the grace, comfort, encouragement and strength He has given this past weeks sa aming (to our) family," he

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proved Child Care Center.

This Child Care Center is designed as a safe and nurturing space where parents can leave their children while they attend to their everyday responsibilities.

It offers a child-friendly environment equipped with play areas, learning materials, and professional caregivers, ensuring the holistic well-being of the children.

Parents who wish to enroll their children in the Child Care Center can do so through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) office. Upon registration, they are required to specify the duration of their child's stay. The center operates from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, aligning with the typical

work hours of parents to accommodate their schedules," municipal information officer John Marvin Canaria said in a statement.

The LB government reveals the modern amenities in the center include designated play areas equipped with child-safe playground structures, shade canopies, a nap room, and dedicated seating for guardians.

The educational and recreational center also offers storytelling sessions, arts and crafts activities, and early childhood development programs.

To ensure the highest level of care and supervision, the personnel at the Child Care Center underwent a careful selection process. Caregivers must be registered nurses,

while teachers are not strictly required to have an education degree, as long as they have completed a four-year college course.

Moreso, the facility will help solo parents by offering parenting workshops, job placement programs, and mental health support services, ensuring they have the necessary resources to balance work and childcare effectively.

"It is one of the programs he really did for solo parents? Because, aside from the subsidies that they get from the government, this is one of the things that can really help our solo parents in different ways," Canaria stated.

Unlike traditional daycare centers, the Los Baños Child Care Center provides a more

spacious environment where children can play freely.

On April 3, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. witnessed the ceremonial signing of the Joint Circular on the Establishment of Child Development Centers (CDCs) between the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The Joint Circular provides guidelines for LGUs to establish CDCs funded through the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to LGUs (LGSF-FA), which aims to improve access to early childhood care and development facilities, particularly in low-income areas. (AM,CA/PIA-4A)

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added.

De Vega on Tuesday said a team from the National Bureau of Investigation is helping in the identification of remains in Mandalay and had been checking DNA samples taken from remains with those provided by the next of kin.

The violent magnitude

7.7 tremor hit Sagaing in central Myanmar last March 28, devastating the country and neighboring Thailand.

More than a week after the powerful tremors, a United Nations situational report said death toll has risen to over 3,500 while more than 200 remain missing nationwide. (PNA)



Residents of Barangay Anabu II-C in the City of Imus, Cavite received free medical care during a Medical Mission organized by the Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission Team recently. The event was attended by Vice Governor Shernan Jaro and several health care volunteers from the City Health Office, medical team from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and volunteer doctors from private hospitals.

A total of 448 patients were checked up and given free medicine during the program. The volunteers provided medical care with utmost dedication and care, making sure that the patients received the attention and treatment that they needed.

The Medical Mission provided access to medical care, particularly for those who might not have the resources to do so. The occasion proved that communities can work together to address health care problems and improve the lives of those in need by volunteering their time and efforts.--- OPIO



Navarro, Genteri residents received free medical and dental service

A total of 303 individuals received free medical and dental services during a successful medical and dental mission spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite Medical Mission Team in Brgy. Navarro, City of General Trias on March 25, 2025.

Out of the total beneficiaries, 196 patients received free medical consultations, while 107 individuals received dental check-ups and tooth extractions. The event was made possible through the dedication of medical professionals from GEAMH thru the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, along with the support of the Cavite Dental Chapter, ensuring quality for the community.

Additionally, the medical mission team distributed free prescribed medicine and multivitamins to the residents. Sixth District Board Member Morit Sison was present at the event, showing his strong support for community health initiatives.

The collaborative effort highlights the provincial governments' commitment to providing accessible healthcare services to its residents, and fostering a healthier community.--- OPIO



Thousands of college students in Cavite receive educational assistance

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues its commitment to supporting students in their pursuit of higher education through the distribution of educational assistance to deserving beneficiaries across several municipalities.

Recently, a total of 698 college students from the Municipality of Magallanes received financial aid to help cover their academic expenses. The following day, March 26, 573 college students from Ternate were granted the same support, ensuring that they have the necessary resources to continue their education without financial burden.

Meanwhile, on March 27, educational assistance was extended to 269 students from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and 834 qualified students from Maragondon, further demonstrating the provincial government's dedication to fostering educational growth and development.

This initiative underscores the provincial government's unwavering commitment to empowering Cavite's youth by alleviating financial constraints and promoting academic excellence. Local officials expressed their gratitude to Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino and the entire provincial administration for prioritizing education and providing much-needed support to students in the province.

Beneficiaries and their families also expressed appreciation for the assistance, noting that it will significantly aid them in covering tuition fees, school supplies, and other academic-related expenses. The program continues to be a beacon of hope for many students striving to achieve their educational dreams despite financial challenges.--- OPIO

Recently, the Cavite provincial government's Medical Mission Team, composed of dedicated staff from the Office of Governor Athena Tolentino and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, successfully organized a Medical and Dental Mission in Barangay Molino, Naic.



The event was a resounding success, offering free health consultations and check-ups to a total of 304 patients.

A key highlight of the mission was the dental services offered, with 66 patients receiving free tooth extractions. This emphasis on dental health underscores the mission's commitment to addressing both immediate and long-term health needs within the community.

The initiative was strategically located to ensure that residents had easy access to essential health services, fostering a sense of community involvement and engagement. Beyond addressing immediate healthcare concerns, the mission also aimed to promote health awareness and preventative care, empowering locals to take charge of their well-being.

Governor Tolentino's team expressed deep appreciation for the collaboration between various groups and the community, emphasizing the importance of working together to close healthcare gaps. The success of the medical and dental mission serves as a powerful reminder of the value of accessible healthcare and sets a positive precedent for future health-focused initiatives in underserved areas.--- OPIO

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EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
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UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,
-versus-
JOSE DELIO C. TALAÑA, married to
ELIZABETH L. TALAÑA,
Respondent/Mortgagor,
x-----x

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor **JOSE DELIO C. TALAÑA**, married to **ELIZABETH L. TALAÑA** with postal addresses at Lot 10 Blk. 26, CityHomes Dasmariñas, Ph II, Brgy. Burol, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 61 Tolentino St., Pasay City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of October 31, 2024 amounts to **SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS & 39/100 (Php616,542.39)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 15, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, 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-376870

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

A parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk 26 of the subd. plan Psd-04-053094, being a portion Lot 6191, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Burol, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 12, Blk.26; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Rd. Lot 16; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 8 & on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 9, both Blk. 86, all of the subd. plan. Beginning of a pt. marked "1" on plan, being W 41 deg. 20'E., 2602.55 m. from Mon. 153, Imus Estate; thence S. 15 deg. 17'W., 9.50 E. to pt. 2; thence N. 74 deg. 43'W., 4.00 m. to pt. 3 thence N. 15. deg. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration, Decree in the name of JOSE DELIO C. TALAÑA. married to ELIZABETH L. TALAÑA, both of legal ages, Filipino. 17'E., 9.50 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 74 deg. 43'E., 4.00 m. to the pt. of; beginning, containing an area of **THIRTY EIGHT (38) SQUARE METERS**. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm; bearings true date of original survey, July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey, Sept. 10, 1991-Jan. 10, 1992 and was approved on Feb. 10, 1992.

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **May 29, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

04 April 2025, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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DTI chief: No retaliation over new US tariff on PH goods

MANILA — Trade Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque said the Philippines would not retaliate against the recently imposed 17-percent tariff on certain Philippine goods entering the US market as part of Trump's "liberation day".

The country's top trade official is set to join a virtual meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers on Thursday to discuss the bloc's ways forward following Trump's tariff order that took effect on April 9.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the National Food Fair in Mandaluyong City on Wednesday, Roque said the Marcos administration prefers a constructive approach focused on strengthening trade ties with the US.

"No, we don't have any of those (retaliation). We just move on a positive note, and we really have more trade between our country and the US," she said.

The Asian Development Bank earlier warned that retaliatory measures by developing countries could reduce regional gross domestic product (GDP) growth by

0.1 percentage point in both 2025 and 2026.

The Philippines, as part of developing Asia, could be affected by any escalation of trade tensions.

"We have a meeting on Thursday with the different ministers of ASEAN, and let's see what we can agree on there, and see what we can do to be able to work hand in hand as ASEAN," Roque added.

Following a Cabinet-level meeting on April 8, the country's economic team agreed to first listen to the positions of other ASEAN member states before finalizing its stance.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF "MELANIE SAMPER SY" with WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given **TO THE PUBLIC** of the deceased **MELANIE SAMPER SY** who died on June 11, 2009 in Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila and the deceased left one parcel of land described as **TCT No. T-506297** with an area of **Thirty-five (35) square meters** located at Brgy. San Agustin, Dasmariñas, Cavite, and has been extrajudicially settled by among her heirs through Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of "Melanie Samper Sy" with Waiver of Rights executed on March 31, 2025 by Atty. Nathalie T. Almazan as per Doc. No. 353, Page No. 72, Book No. I, Series of 2025 in General Trias City, Cavite.

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2. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
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4. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market



DTI Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque (File photo)

Roque also floated the possibility of lowering tariffs on US imports as a gesture of goodwill, in the hope that Washington might reconsider its decision.

"This could be an opportunity for both

New York retains crown as world's wealthiest city



RICHEST CITY. A general view of the Lower Manhattan on the Staten Island ferry in New York, United States on Jan. 13, 2025. The city retained its title as the wealthiest city in the world, according to the World Wealthiest Cities Report released on Tuesday (April 8, 2025). (Anadolu)

ANKARA — New centi-millionaires and billionaires residing in those locations.

Hot on New York's heels is the Bay Area, which includes San Francisco and Silicon Valley, ranked second with 342,400 millionaires.

The region is now home to 82 billionaires, surpassing New York in that category.

The Bay Area's millionaire population has grown by 98 percent in the past decade, reflecting its position as a hub for technological wealth creation.

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DepEd launches summer programs to address learning gaps

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Thursday launched the 2025 Summer Programs to address learning gaps in basic education.

The programs include Bawat Bata Makababasa Program, Literacy Remediation Program, Summer Academic Remedial Program, Regional Remediation Program, and 2025 Learning Camp.

This is in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to advance quality education among learners and ensure the well-being of teachers.

In a statement, Education Secretary Sonny Angara said the summer programs “are designed to provide the necessary support and resources to help learners overcome challenges and achieve their full potential.”

He added that these programs will be done through interactive tutorials and targeted activities, focusing on “phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension” for reading; and “number sense, basic operations, and problem-solving” for mathematics.

Angara also reiterated that teachers participating in the 2025 Summer Programs will be granted vacation service credits (VSC) and professional recognition on top of the 30 days maximum service credits for teachers.

“We recognize that our teachers are at the heart of learning recovery. These incentives are a way to val-



ue their dedication and expertise, particularly during the summer break,” he said.

The DepEd said the 20-day Bawat Bata Makababasa Program will grant tutorials for reading proficiency among Grades 1 to 3 learners.

It will be piloted in public schools in areas affected by the unrest of Mt. Kanlaon in Western and Central Visayas, as well as in the Zamboanga Peninsula.

Moreover, Grade 3 learners identified as Low Emerging based on the Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA) results for end-of-school-year 2024-2025 will undergo Literacy Remediation Program to be implemented nationwide.

Exemptions for the Literacy Remediation Program, however, are 10 schools included in 2025 Learning Camp;

Kanlaon-affected schools divisions in Western and Central Visayas; and Zamboanga Peninsula.

Regional Remediation Program, meanwhile, will continue to provide support for reading and mathematics to learners, the DepEd said.

Grades 4 to 12 learners who failed a subject or two will undergo the Summer Academic Remedial Program.

Lastly, the four-week 2025 Learning Camp will be implemented in 10 select schools to serve as a learning recovery initiative for Grades 1 to 10 learners.

These 10 schools will come from MATATAG Pilot Regions including Metro Manila, Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Visayas, Soccoksargen, Cordillera Administrative Region, and Caraga.

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recovery in the Nikkei 225 during the past two years, Tokyo ranked third with 292,300 millionaires, while Singapore came in fourth with 242,400.

Dubai climbed to 18th with 81,200 millionaires, marking a 102 percent increase

in the past decade.

Shenzhen (28th) posted the fastest growth globally, with a 142 percent rise in its millionaire population.

London and Moscow were the only two cities among the top 50 to post a decline in their millionaire popu-

PBBM to Filipinos: Show valor through compassion, kindness

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. called on Filipinos to honor the legacy of national heroes by embracing compassion, kindness, and selflessness as the country commemorates Araw ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor) on Wednesday.

In his message, Marcos paid tribute to the Filipino and American forces who fought valiantly during World War II, particularly recalling the 1942 Fall of Bataan.

“Their remarkable story continues to inspire us all as we carry on their work of protecting our nation and building a country worthy of their sacrifice,” Marcos said.

The Day of Valor commemorates the heroism and sacrifice of Filipinos during World War II and recalls the fall of Bataan, when

Filipino and American forces surrendered to the Japanese Imperial Army after resisting for months with limited weapons, ammunition, and supplies.

The President emphasized that the commemoration is not only about remembering the physical strength and bravery displayed by those who fought,

lations during the past decade, with declines of 12 percent and 25 percent, respectively.

Los Angeles, home to 220,600 millionaires (including 516 centi-millionaires and 45 billionaires), has surpassed London to secure fifth place, relegating the UK capital to sixth with 215,700



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (File Photo)

but also about the importance of small acts of compassion that can create lasting change.

“This year’s commemoration shows that our country is a cradle of heroes and heroines — a home of noble men and women who, regardless of risk or cost, willingly gave a part of themselves and even their lives for the sake of their beloved nation,” he said.

He also underscored that true valor extends beyond the battlefield.

“Valor is not solely about strength and resolve in the face of adversity but also about small acts of compassion, generosity, and kindness that create meaningful ripples of positive change in our communities,” he said.

The Chief Executive urged Filipinos to continue following the example of past heroes by advancing causes that uplift their fellow

millionaires --including 352 centi-millionaires and 33 billionaires.

Moscow, now ranked 40th, has seen a 25 percent decrease in its millionaire population.

Emerging trends

Shenzhen, Hangzhou and Dubai lead the fastest-growing

wealth hubs.

Bengaluru, New Delhi and Warsaw were also featured among the cities expected to see significant growth in millionaire populations, fueled by expanding tech ecosystems and strategic economic initiatives. (Anadolu)

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Bituin shines as FEU gains semis incentive in UAAP men's volleyball

MANILA – Far Eastern University downed Ateneo de Manila University, 25-21, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23, Wednesday in the UAAP Season 87 men's volleyball tournament at the Philsports Arena in Pasig City to secure a twice-to-beat incentive in the Final Four.

Amet Samuel Bituin finished with 17 points on 16 attacks and one ace, and had nine receptions as the Tamaraws stayed on top of the standings at 11-1.

"Yesterday during practice, coach tried to have me start. Even though I was a bit confused, I just trusted the coaching staff and my teammates who supported me even when I was feeling down," Bituin, a product of FEU-Diliman High School, said after the match.

Dryx Saavedra had two attacks, Congolese middle blocker Doula Ndongala scored on a block and Bituin fired an ace to give the Tamaraws a 17-10 lead in the fourth set.

Ateneo rallied behind Jian Matthew Salarzon and MVP frontrunner Kennedy Batas to move within 20-22, but FEU won the next three points, the last one coming from Bi-



RISING STAR. Amet Samuel Bituin of Far Eastern University (left) prepares to return the ball during the game against Ateneo de Manila University in the UAAP Season 87 men's volleyball tournament at the Philsports Arena in Pasig City on Wednesday (April 9, 2025). He scored 17 points to lead the Tamaraws to a 25-21, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23 victory. (UAAP photo)

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"This season is different from the previous one. We just need to trust again. The moment from Season 86, we've already surpassed that. This season, there's a different level of expectation from our team because of our mindset. We've moved forward from that, we're onto the next," head coach Edieson Orcullo said after the one hour and 55-minute match.

Lirick Mendoza chipped in 12 points, including a season-high eight blocks, Saavedra had 11 points on 10 attacks, and top rookie Mikko Espartero added 10 points and six receptions.

Ariel Cacao made 26 sets while rookie libero Vennie Ceballos had 23 receptions and six digs for FEU, which will face Adamson University on April 12 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Amil Pacinio scored 21 points on 18 attacks and three aces while Batas contributed 12 points and 16 receptions for Ateneo, which is now on the brink of elimination with a 6-6 slate.

National University is at second at 10-2 followed by De La Salle University and University of Santo Tomas, which have similar 7-4 records. (PNA)

DRAW CLOSE TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW CLOSE TO YOU
James 4: 8

Pickleball Gains Momentum at SM City Rosario's Active Hub

As part of SM Supermalls Active Hub, Pickleball is bringing fun and fitness to SM City Rosario! Enthusiasts from various Cavite groups joined the action, enjoying this fast-growing sport that blends tennis, badminton, and table tennis.



Pickleball groups in Cavite came together to experience the excitement of Pickleball at SM Active Hub in SM City Rosario, enjoying the sport in a fun and dynamic mall setting.

With Pickleball gaining popularity in the Philippines, having it at the mall makes it more accessible for players of all levels. Whether you're a pro or a beginner, SM Active Hub offers the perfect space to enjoy the game in a safe and welcoming environment.

PNP cautions public on road congestion during Holy Week, summer break

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Authorities have reminded motorists to stretch their patience on the road especially this time of the year when travelers troop to ports and stations for the the Holy Week pilgrimage, and the summer break.

Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas, police regional director for Calabarzon, said that this season often causes heavy road congestion as devotees visit churches and tourists head to the region's popular destinations.

"For our fellow kababayans who will be going to tourist spots and for the devotees visiting well-known churches, expect heavy traffic. We anticipate congestion. Although our police will be assisting, we really cannot avoid that kind of traffic," Lucas said.

Following a recent road rage incident in Antipolo City, Rizal between drivers of a sports utility vehicle and motorcycle, the police executive also advised the public to remain calm and patient on the roads, particularly during peak travel times.

He also emphasized



that maintaining composure may prevent minor incidents from escalating into more serious situations.

To ensure the safety of motorists and manage the expected influx of travelers in the region, the Police Regional Office4A has rolled out Oplan SumVac during Holy Week and the summer vacation.

"Preparations have been reinforced based on insights and observations from last year's operations to ensure smoother and safer travel. This includes cooperation with various government agencies, such as the local government units, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines," Lucas said.

Strategic areas such as beaches, pilgrimage

sites, and prominent churches have been identified as high-traffic zones for both pedestrians and vehicles.

To immediately address public safety concerns, police assistance hubs and checkpoints are being set up in strategic areas, and ambulances and patrol vehicles will be deployed at tourist spots.

Aside from these precautionary measures, Lucas also encourages travelers to bring plenty of water and food to stay hydrated and avoid unnecessary stress in case of heavy traffic.

PRO4A reassures the public of their continued presence and vigilance during Holy Week and the summer vacation, as they work together to keep the entire Calabarzon safe, orderly, and secure for all. (ACA, CO/PIA4A)