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26 Filipino exit Israel via Jordan, set for PH return trip

MANILA – A total of 26 overseas Filipinos in Israel have been repatriated through the Philippine Embassy's Voluntary Repatriation Program, amid heightened tensions between Israel and Iran.

In a social media post Sunday, the Philippine Embassy in Israel said the repatriates were assisted by its team, led by Ambassador Aileen Mendiola, at the Allenby Border Crossing to ensure their safe passage.

The group received full logistical and welfare support, including transportation,

transit visas, travel documents, and plane tickets back to the Philippines, according to the embassy.

Prior to departure, they stayed at the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) shelter, where they received relief packages, free legal assistance regarding their pikadon (final pay/benefits), and pre-departure briefings about their reintegration benefits.

The embassy also reported that arrangements are underway for the return of a second batch of 33 Filipinos.



REPATRIATES. Twenty-six overseas Filipinos prepare for their journey home after availing of the Philippine Embassy in Israel's voluntary repatriation program amid heightened tensions between Israel and Iran. In a social media post Sunday (June 22, 2025), the Philippine Embassy in Israel said the repatriates were assisted by its team at the Allenby Border Crossing to ensure their safe passage from Israel to Jordan. (Photo courtesy of PH Embassy in Israel)

PBBM: Gov't committed to giving OFWs safe, humane workplace

MANILA – The Philippine government is working with host countries to protect the rights of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), especially the assurance of "safe and humane" working conditions, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Saturday.

Speaking before the Filipino community in Osaka, Japan, Marcos said his administration will do its best to

ensure "smooth" employment and deployment processes for OFWs.

"Masigasig din ang ating pakikipag-ugnayan sa iba't ibang bansang tumatanggap ng ating manggagawa para makabuo ng bilateral labor agreement upang matiyak natin na ligtas at maka-tao ang trabaho at nabibigyan ng pagkakataong umunlad ang ating kababayan (We are also

eager to reach out to the various countries that are accepting OFWs so that we can form a bilateral labor agreement and ensure safe and humane workplace and that our fellow Filipinos will be given a chance to thrive)," Marcos said.

Marcos said better opportunities also await OFWs who wish to return home and stay for good.

He said the govern-

ment would continue implementing programs, projects and services aimed at protecting and promoting the OFWs' welfare.

"I recognize the weight of your sacrifice and the strength that it takes to provide for your families from afar. And that is why we will never tire of honoring you and finding ways to improve your lives. You are at the heart of our gov-

Dengue situation in PH still manageable, says DOH

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) logged 123,291 cases of dengue nationwide from Jan. 1 to June 7 but said the situation is "manageable" so far.

In a news release on Friday, the DOH said an increase in

the number of cases was observed among ages five to nine years, which reached 27,358.

"May nakikitang kaunting pagtaas sa kasong dengue nitong mga nakaraang linggo na kinokonsiderang manageable lalo na kung paigtingin

ang (Slight increase in dengue cases was seen in the past and it is considered manageable especially with strengthened) vector control," the DOH said.

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The Philippines earlier raised Alert Level 3 (voluntary repatriation) in Israel and Iran due to the conflict, urging Filipinos to take necessary precautions and avail of repatriation assistance when needed.

There are around 30,000 Filipinos in Israel, most of whom are employed in the care-giving and domestic service sectors.

In Iran, there are 1,180 Filipinos, most of them married to nationals, according to the DMW.

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MEETING WITH FILCOM. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. speaks before a Filipino community gathering in Osaka, Japan on Saturday (June 21, 2025). In his speech, Marcos reaffirmed his administration's commitment to find ways to improve the lives of overseas Filipino workers. (Screenshot from Radio Television Malacañang)

ernment's efforts and you deserve not only our gratitude, but you deserve our full sup-

port," he said.

Marcos likewise recognized the significant

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NKTI: Dialysis patients getting younger due to lifestyle diseases

MANILA — More young adults are undergoing dialysis due to lifestyle-related diseases, particularly diabetes and hypertension, the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (Nkti) said Friday.

"Nakakakita po kami ngayon ng mas batang populasyon ng mga nagda-dialysis (We are now seeing a younger population undergoing dialysis)," Nkti Adult Nephrology Consultant Amor Patrice Socorro Estabillo said during a press conference in Quezon City.

She noted that poor dietary choices — preference for salty and sweet foods — fueled the rise in chronic illnesses that directly impact kidney health.

Citing the Philippine Renal Registry that the Nkti has been maintaining since the early 1990s, Nkti Emergency Department Head Anthony Russell Villanueva said there has been a shift in the disease and dialysis patterns among the pa-

tients.

"Noong mga '90s up to the year 2000, pinaka-cause ng end-stage renal disease ay 'yung sakit na (In the 1990s through to the early 2000s, the leading cause of end-stage renal disease was) glomerulonephritis. It is unrelated to nutrition or food," he said.

Glomerulonephritis is a disorder characterized by inflammation and damage to the glomeruli, the tiny filtering units in the kidneys. Its symptoms include blood and protein in the urine, swelling or edema, high blood pressure, and reduced urine output.

Villanueva said the leading cause of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) shifted to diabetes in 2000. Hypertension came in as a secondary cause of kidney disease.

"That time, nag-shift na ang diet ng Pilipino to a more western diet. Alam natin lumagyan na ang fast food that time. This has been something

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The Department of Foreign Affairs and the DMW continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to facilitate further repatriations if necessary.

The repatriates are

that contributed also sa pag-increase of patients (the Filipino diet has shifted to a more western diet. We know that fast food became widespread during that time, and this has contributed to the increase in patients)," he said.

According to the Nkti, kidney transplantation provides ESRD patients with the highest quality of life and longest survival despite the availability of dialysis.

Villanueva disclosed that the Nkti and other transplantation centers nationwide serve 300 to 500 transplant patients every year.

"A good percentage of the transplantation happens in the Nkti. I think close to 60 percent to 70 percent of transplantation sa ospital namin ginagawa

expected to arrive in Manila within the week and will undergo reintegration processing through DMW and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration. (PNA)

(is done in our hospital)," he said.

As the number of younger dialysis patients continues to climb, the Nkti emphasizes the importance of nutrition and awareness of chronic diseases related to food to prevent kidney diseases.

Patients with chronic kidney diseases can also benefit from proper nutrition, as it can slow down the progression of the illness and delay the need for dialysis.

The public is advised to avoid or limit foods high in sodium, potassium, phosphorus, and protein, as well as alcohol and sugary foods. These include canned food, processed meats, salty condiments, and certain fruits high in sugar. (PNA)

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role of the Filipino-Japanese youth in sustaining the Philippines' "dynamic and enduring" ties with Japan.

He expressed confidence that the two countries will continue to build a "mutually stable, secure and prosperous relationship."

"Through you, we continue to write new pages in the history of the relations between our two countries. Through you, the spirit of friendship with our Japanese friends continues to thrive," Marcos said.

"This is why I hope you will join me and

the Philippine nation in helping our community here in Japan to grow even more in love with the Philippines, to learn and embrace fully your Filipino identity, to support our nation's aspirations for unity, for peace, and for prosperity."

Marcos is in Osaka for a working visit following the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Ishiba Shigeru to attend the World Expo 2025 and visit the Philippine Pavilion.

Marcos also held a series of meetings with Japanese tourism and business leaders. (PNA)

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data showed 6,192 dengue cases.

Meanwhile, a total of 6,270 cases were recorded from May 11 to May 24, reflecting a six-percent increase.

The DOH said the fatality rate as of June 7 remained low at 0.4 percent, or four deaths out of 1,000 dengue

patients nationwide.

In addition to vector control, the DOH strengthens its dengue awareness campaign together with the Department of Education following the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to protect children in public schools. (PNA)

DICT renews push for inclusive, digitally empowered Calabarzon

BATANGAS CITY (PIA)—The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in Calabarzon reaffirmed its commitment to building an inclusive, secure, and digitally empowered region as it led the celebration of National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Month on June 18.

With the theme "Walang Iwanan sa Digital Bayanihan"

(No One Left Behind in Digital Cooperation), DICT IV-A Regional Director Felix S. Tabanao underscored the importance of collaboration in spreading digital literacy and ensuring that all Filipinos benefit from the country's digital advancements.

"This is digital bayanihan—when people help one another not by carrying houses, but by sharing information about



Philippine technology to help one another," Tabanao said.

Highlighting the agency's efforts to *(Turn to p. 3)*

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Bike Ride, Fun Run, and Couch Talk Highlight 2025 Adoption and Alternative Child Care Week Celebration in Cavite

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, in coordination with the National Authority for Child Care (NACC) and Regional Alternative Child Care Office IV-A, hosted the celebration of the 3rd Adoption and Alternative Child Care Week 2025 (AACCW) on June 14, 2025, held at the Old Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City and Cavite State University (CvSU) in Indang, Cavite. With this year's theme "Hope and Home for every Child", the event aimed to raise awareness and garner support for legal adoption and alternative child care programs.

The first part of the program featured the Bisig-kleta and Fun Run activity, which started in Trece Martires and concluded in Indang. Hundreds of participants—including government workers, cycling and running enthusiasts, families, and child welfare advocates—gathered for the early morning fitness activity that encouraged both wellness and advocacy which symbolize the collective journey of providing every child with a loving and nurturing home.

The celebration continued with the second part of the program—featuring a Couch Talk segment held at CVSU Indang. The heartfelt session focused on the theme "Hope and Home for every Child". It featured testimonies and open conversations from adoptive and foster parents who shared their real-life experiences, challenges, and triumphs in raising children through the alternative child care system. The dialogue provided inspiration and emotional insight into the life-changing impact of adoption and foster care.

Capping off the day was the Ceremonial Turnover of the AACCW hosting from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) of Cavite to the PSWDO of Laguna, marking a symbolic ringing of bell to continue the advocacy in the coming year. --- OPIO

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bridge the digital divide, Tabanao noted the DICT's ongoing programs that support the region's digital growth.

"The DICT plays a pivotal role in building an inclusive, secure, and digitally empowered society. Our initiatives span broadband connectivity, digital upskilling, cybersecurity awareness, e-government services, and startup education," he explained.

He added that all these efforts are rooted in one mission: to build a resilient, secure, and inclusive digital Phil-

ippines.

The celebration also showcased the latest technologies, groundbreaking ICT initiatives, and developments designed to support both private organizations and government agencies in delivering enhanced digital services across Calabarzon.

Local government units (LGUs) leading the charge in digital transformation also took center stage during the celebration. Among those highlighted for their innovative digital initiatives were

Batangas City, Carmona (Cavite), Taytay (Rizal), and San Luis (Batangas).

From paperless government transactions to proactive disaster response and citizen-centered e-services, these LGUs presented how digital tools are transforming public service delivery.

Meanwhile, the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in cybersecurity was also highlighted during the National ICT Month celebration. One of the event's speakers, Lorraine Cruz, Cybersecurity Product Manager of PLDT Enterprise (ePLDT), discussed



A Space for Art: Cavite launched the Cavite Art Fair 2025.

Stepping into a vibrant and creative space of art, the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer launched the long-awaited Cavite Art Fair at the New Provincial Capitol Building in Trece Martires City, on June 11-13, 2025.

The 3-day exhibition displayed intricate work of arts and impressive illustrations of diverse Cavite artisans, immersing the public into the unique art expressions and style of the exhibitors.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino graced the event with her presence, extending her full support to the local arts community. In her message, she expressed heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support shown to Cavite's local artists, stating that the province's wealth of culture and history is vividly reflected through artistic expression. She proudly announced that the next Cavite Art Fair will be held in Tagaytay City, marking a new chapter in celebrating and nurturing the creative industry in the province.

Subsequently, Mr. Emmanuel "Manny" Garibay of Linangan Art Residency stated that the event is an "intersection of culture, arts and history and the projection of what Cavite is". Further, he emphasized the necessity of art in progressing and shaping a community, "Sa lahat po ng mga bayan na umuunlad, hindi po maaaring umunlad ito ng makabuluhang at masagana kung walang sining. Ang lahat ng mauunlad na bansa, ang pundasyon ay kultura, at ang pinaka naglalarawan sa kultura ay sining". As he ended his message, he gladly thanked Gov. Tolentino for the effort and time in bringing the art fair to life.

A ceremonial ribbon cutting, led by Governor Tolentino, Mr. Garibay, and Mr. Henry "Bokeng" Ancanan of the Alitaptap Artists Community, marked the official opening of the exhibition. The governor warmly joined guests and art enthusiasts as they toured the gallery, taking time to appreciate the vibrant collection of artworks on display.

Aside from the featured creative pieces, the Cavite Art Fair displayed arrays of goods and products of Cavite micro, small, and medium enterprises, which served as an avenue to expand their connection and marketing to the stakeholders.

On the last day of the fair, Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle Sangalang, Provincial Tourism Officer, extended their utmost appreciation to everyone who took part, supported and visited Cavite Art Fair 2025, stating "We hope that this activity has sparked the creativity and interest of the audience that could pave way to more creative endeavors in the future." --- OPIO

the importance of digital defense and how AI can protect organizational data.

She emphasized that hacking or data breaches in an organization cause a lot of troubles.

"Hacking can damage an organization's reputation, expose sensitive customer data, and lead to penalties, legal actions, and loss of business."

In support of the call to digital bayanihan,

ePLDT offered complimentary cybersecurity services using AI to the participants. These services aim to provide organizations with comprehensive cybersecurity defense to identify and mitigate potential threats to digital assets.

The National ICT Month is celebrated in the country every June by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1521, series of 2008.

It aims to strengthen awareness of ICT across all sectors by promoting relevant programs, projects, and advocacies.

The National ICT Month of 2025 is aligned with the vision of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. administration to provide efficient and inclusive public services and promote universal digital access. (KA, PIA4A)

DSWD's Bahay Tuluyan aids recovery, reintegration of abused children



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — As part of its continuing efforts to uphold children's rights, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Calabarzon provides care, protection, and recovery services to children who are victim-survivors of various forms of abuse — through holistic programs at its 'Bahay Tuluyan' facility in Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Bahay Tuluyan, a government-managed foster care facility established by the DSWD, serves as a safe haven for girls aged 5 to 17, who have experienced different forms of violence, including neglect, sexual exploitation, and maltreatment. The center not only supports survivors in rebuilding their resilience but also works to reunite and strengthen family ties.

Aside from providing shelter and rehabilitation, the center also equips residents with skills training to prepare them for reintegration into their families and communities, the DSWD said.

"As part of the interventions inside the center, residents are provided with skills

training that they can use while undergoing rehabilitation, and also once they are reintegrated into their families and communities," DSWD IV-A said in a statement.

The agency reported that 17 girls residing in the facility recently earned their National Certificate II in Bread and Pastry Production.

In addition to livelihood interventions, the Pediatric Department of the De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute (DLSMHSI) also conducted free health checkups and shared educational sessions focused on child safety.

According to Joie Asutilla Ballo-Allo, nurse at Bahay Tuluyan ng mga Bata, these activities are vital in the children's recovery and reintegration process.

"This support from partner organizations is very helpful in improving the children's physical, mental, and emotional well-being as part of their healing and recovery," Allo noted.

Located in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Bahay Tuluyan ng mga Bata stands as a refuge for young girls who are victims of vi-

Back from Japan: Marcos touts job-generating deals, PH Pavilion launch

MANILA — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. returned to the Philippines on Sunday night following a four-day working visit to Osaka, Japan, where he secured new investment commitments and launched the Philippine Pavilion for World Expo 2025.

The plane carrying Marcos and his delegation landed in Manila around 6 p.m.

"I have just returned from a productive working visit to Osaka, Japan, where we secured new opportunities that will create jobs, bring in investments and help improve the lives of Filipinos," Marcos said in his arrival statement.

The President inaugurated the Philippine Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, emphasizing the country's commitment to innovation, culture and sustainability.

"It tells the world the story of a nation rich in culture, driven by innovation and committed to building a sustainable and inclusive future," he said.

Key deals announced include a partnership between Kanadevia Corporation and Philippine Ecology Systems Corp. for a

silence, helping them regain confidence, rebuild their lives, and, where possible, reconnect with their families.

Through these initiatives, the DSWD remains steadfast in contributing to the broader government effort to protect children's

waste-to-energy project; and a green shipbuilding initiative by Tsuneishi Group in Cebu, which will construct the world's first methanol dual-fueled KAMSARMAX bulk carrier.

"These projects will generate jobs and position the Philippines as a leader in clean energy and green shipping," the President said.

Marcos also met with officials of the Japan Tourism Agency, Japan Association of Travel Agents, Japan-Philippines Tourism Council, Kansai Airports, and airline companies Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific to enhance tourism cooperation and create more employment opportunities for Filipino workers.

Another highlight of the visit was a meeting with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to explore collaborations in space technology aimed at improving disaster monitoring, agricultural support and community safety.

The President concluded his trip by meeting with members of the Filipino community in Osaka.

"I thanked them for rights and respond to cases of abuse and violence against children.

These initiatives reflect the Marcos administration's strong commitment to its promise that "Bawat Buhay, Mahalaga sa Bagong Pilipinas." (KA, PIA4A)



FILIPINO COMMUNITY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and First Lady Liza Marcos, along with other officials, meets with members of the Filipino community in Osaka, Japan on Saturday (June 21, 2025), concluding a three-day working visit focused on investment, tourism and bilateral cooperation. The President returned to the Philippines on Sunday. (Photo courtesy of PCO)

Philippines and Japan in 2026.

The two nations established formal ties in 1956 and have since maintained robust economic, political and cultural partnerships. (PNA)

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication dated October 20, 27, & November 3, 2022 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)** against respondent/mortgagor, **RODEL S. BUAN** in the fifth line of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-867-44 it should be 101754 not 101734 it should be thence N. 22 deg. 50'W" not then N. 22 deg. 50'W" it should be thence N. 67 deg. 10'E., 13.5 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 18 deg. 33'E., 3.51 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FORTY -SEVEN (47) SQ. METERS is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of RODEL S. BUAN, of legal age, Filipino, single. not thence N. 67 deg. 10'E., 13.5 m. to pt. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of RODEL S. BUAN, of legal age, Filipino, single.

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

Ecclesiastes 4:6

Provincial Government of Cavite conducts Tabletop Exercise for Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake response

As part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening disaster preparedness and response, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (PDRRMO), successfully conducted a Tabletop Exercise on June 19, 2025 held at the Carmona Operations Center in Barangay Maduya, City of Carmona. The exercise simulated a Magnitude 7.2 earthquake with Intensity 8 ground shaking, carried out in line with the 2nd Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill, reinforcing the province's proactive approach to disaster risk management.

The activity brought together key responders and stakeholders from various government agencies, including the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) of Carmona and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (MDRRMO) of Silang and General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), as well as representatives from the Office of the Provincial Engineer (OPE), Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development - IVA, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Also present during the activity was OCD Region IV-A Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Q. Alvarez III, who delivered an inspirational message underscoring the importance of preparedness, collaboration, and continuous learning in minimizing the impact of natural disasters. He commended the Provincial Government of Cavite and all participating agencies for their dedication to strengthening local disaster response mechanisms.

The exercise was structured into three key modules. The first module, Initial Response and Guidelines, focused on activating emergency protocols, facilitating information flow, and rapidly assessing initial damages and casualties immediately after the earthquake. The second module, Response, emphasized inter-agency coordination, deployment of resources, maintaining communication lines, and real-time situational reporting in a dynamic emergency environment. The final module, Review, provided a platform to evaluate the activity, identify operational gaps, share best practices, and recommend strategies to enhance the province's earthquake preparedness and response systems.

Through the simulation, participants assessed the effectiveness of current contingency plans and strengthened coordination among response units in the event of a major seismic event. The TTX also served as a vital step in enhancing Cavite's overall disaster resilience by identifying challenges and crafting proactive solutions to mitigate the impacts of large-scale earthquakes. --- OPIO



Cavite conducts Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance Awarding Ceremony

Recently, the Office and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) – Cavite conducted the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance Awarding Ceremony at the New Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City, recognizing the outstanding cities and municipalities in the province in implementing programs and services for the children's rights and welfare.

Hon. Romel Enriquez - 1st District Board Member and PCPC Vice Chairperson, Ms. Precyl Ramos - OPSWDO Officer-in-Charge, and Atty. Rodolfo Uy III – Provincial Administrator congratulated the LGUs who worked hard to achieve the elusive award and lauded their valuable effort as child rights advocate. BM Enriquez added in his remark that the Provincial Government of Cavite will remain proactive in providing support to the children and youth sector.

Meanwhile, Mr. Joseph Ryan Geronimo – Cavite DILG Representative, stated that they encourage all LGUs to pass and achieve the SCFLG, as it demonstrates the dedication of a local government unit to improve the quality of life of children.

In closing, Mr. Enad Diaz, City of Carmona LCPC Focal Person, expressed his gratitude, saying “Ang tagumpay na ito ay simbolo ng mahusay na pamumuno at maayos na pamahalaan. Ito ay patunay ng ating tunay na malasakit para sa mga kabataan sa pagusulong ng kanilang karapatan.”

The highlight of the event was the awarding of plaque and sixty-thousand cash incentive to 18 awardees – (1) City of Carmona; (2) Tagaytay City; (3) City of Imus; (4) City of Bacoor; (5) City of Dasmarinas; (6) City of Trece Martires; (7) Cavite City; (8) City of General Trias; (9) Municipality of Naic; (10) Municipality of Amadeo; (11) Municipality of Noveleta; (12) Municipality of Ternate; (13) Municipality of Rosario; (14) Municipality of Mendez-Nunez; (15) Municipality of Magallanes; (16) Municipality of Alfonso; (17) Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez; and (18) Municipality of Maragondon.

diesel and kerosene,”

Abad said.

The world price of crude oil increased to USD86.6 per barrel on Thursday from USD83 on Monday.

“Unfortunately, for next week, iyong apat na trading days ngayon, Monday to Thursday, mayroon na ho tayong pag-i-increase na aabot ho ng (the four trading days now, Monday to Thursday, we already have an increase of) almost PHP3 pesos per liter for gasoline and more than PHP4 pesos for diesel and kerosene,” Abad said.

While the Philippines

does not import oil directly from Iran, which

is currently locked in an armed conflict with Israel, he said suppliers may be getting their oil from the said country.

The agency monitors the country's refiners and direct importers on a weekly basis to check any report of supply disruption.

“Last week, may nakausap po tayo specifically iyong Petron, iyong UniOil for example, wala po ngayong narereport sa kanila (we spoke with Petron, UniOil for example, nothing was reported

them),” Abad said.

“Ngayong araw naga-ka-usap din tayo sa LPG sector naman, wala hong reported na anggulo or situation na na-i-experience nila na mayroong supply disruption (We spoke with the liquefied petroleum gas sector today and no supply disruption was reported),” he added.

Abad assured the public that the DOE will continue to meet with individual oil companies Wednesday to Friday next week to discuss the inventory and discount program. (PNA)

Big-time fuel price hike seen next week

MANILA – Prices of petroleum products may increase by nearly PHP5 per liter next week, a Department of Energy (DOE) official said Friday.

In a Bagong Pilipinas interview, DOE – Oil Industry Management Bureau (DOE-OIMB) Director Rino Abad said the increases will range from PHP2.50 to PHP3.00 per liter for gasoline, PHP4.30 to PHP4.80 per liter for diesel, and PHP4.25 to PHP4.40 per liter for kerosene.

“Bunsod iyan ng tu-maas na almost average of 4 US dollars



PRICE HIKE. A gasoline station attendant fills up a motorcycle fuel tank in Paco, Manila on Tuesday (June 17, 2025). Gasoline and diesel prices increased by PHP1.80 per liter and kerosene by PHP1.50 per liter, and may increase further next week, according to the Department of Energy. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

per barrel doon sa gasolina, diesel at kerosene (That is due to an increase of almost an average of USD4 per barrel in gasoline,

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SM City Dasmariñas and SM Marketmall Dasmariñas joined forces with our amazing employee volunteers for Brigada Eskwela at Vicente P. Vilanueva Memorial School! Together, helped refresh classrooms and gave the covered court a fresh coat of paint — all to create a brighter, better space for our future learners this coming school year.

SBP, PHILSPADA pact to promote wheelchair basketball

MANILA – The Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) and the Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled (PHILSPADA) have joined forces to develop wheelchair basketball across the country.

SBP executive director Erika Dy and PHILSPADA president Michael Barredo signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) Saturday to advance opportunities for differently abled athletes, coaches and officials in basketball at the SBP headquarters in Mandaluyong City.

"This partnership is a commitment to inclusivity, national development and the transformative power of basketball," Dy said in a news release Sat-



IT'S A DEAL. Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas executive director Erika Dy (right) and Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled president Michael Barredo shake hands after signing the memorandum of understanding to promote and develop wheelchair basketball at the SBP headquarters in Mandaluyong City on Saturday (June 21, 2025). Part of the agreement allows SBP to provide professional training and development opportunities for PHILSPADA coaches. (Photo courtesy of SBP)

urday.

"SBP is proud to stand with PHILSPADA in creating platforms where every athlete, regardless of ability, has the chance to excel in the sport of basketball."

The MOU is in ef-

fect until the end of the current Olympic cycle or up to August 2028, and is guided by shared values of collaboration, respect and autonomy. It outlines a comprehensive framework for mutual support, communication



Heads up, Tanza! Superman is landing soon!

Be there when the legend returns to SM Cinema starting July 9! Buy your tickets via SM Cinema ticket booths.



SM City Tanza took part in the International Coastal Clean-up at Brgy. Calibuyo, Tanza, in partnership with Tanza MENRO and Barangay Calibuyo. Joining the cause were dedicated volunteers from SM Tanza's employees, maintenance team, and security personnel — all working together to help protect and preserve our local coastline.

and sustainability.

Under the agreement, SBP will provide access to professional training and development opportunities for PHILSPADA coaches, as well as support for events, clinics and tournaments.

Both parties committed to co-develop and

manage inclusive pro-

grams, enhance access to basketball venues, and jointly promote wheelchair basketball as a vital part of the country's basketball ecosystem.

"This MOU is more than just a document -- it is a pledge to uphold equality in bas-

ketball," Barredo said.

"PHILSPADA is excited to work alongside SBP in building a more inclusive sporting future with wheelchair basketball. Wheelchair basketball is basketball and Filipinos love basketball." (PNA)