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NFA to start buying white, yellow corn in 2026-DA

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is set to start procuring white and yellow corn next year, Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said Tuesday.

This comes after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. announced the resumption of corn buying by the National Food Authority (NFA), which is under the DA, during a dialogue with Gawad Saka awardees in Nueva Ecija on Monday.

“What we planned is white corn. More on white corn ang bibil-

hin, of course, mayroong konting (We will buy more of white corn, and of course, a little volume of) yellow corn,” Tiu Laurel said in an ambush interview.

He said white corn could reduce the demand for rice as it is considered a good “substitute” or “alternative” for the country’s main staple.

“Marami pa tayong areas sa Pilipinas na kumakain talaga ng corn grits. At least para subukan ding pababain ang demand sa bigas (We still have



CORN PROCUREMENT. A farmer harvests corn in this undated photo. The Department of Agriculture on Tuesday (July 1, 2026) said it is set to procure white and yellow corn starting in 2026. (File photo courtesy of the Department of Agriculture)

a lot of areas in the Philippines that consume corn grits. At least this could decrease the demand for rice,” he said.

For the planned pro-

DSWD:P20/kg. rice benefits vulnerable sectors amid global tensions

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Tuesday said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s initiative to provide PHP20 per kg. rice to vulnerable sectors is a timely step towards ensuring food

security for poor Filipinos amid the effects of global tensions.

The subsidized rice, to be provided by the Department of Agriculture (DA), is available to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, solo parents, and members of the Pan-

tawid Pamilyang Filipino Program (4Ps).

“Ang ganitong hakbang ay malaking tulong para sa ating mga kababayan na araw-araw ay nagsusumikap na maitawid ang kanilang pamiliya. Ito ay patunay na

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and Soccoksargen. General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Tiu Laurel, meanwhile, said they have yet to finalize the NFA’s buying price for corn. He, however, said it would be higher than the corn’s current production cost.

In a separate interview, DA Assistant Secretary and spokesperson Arnel De Mesa said the major corn-producing areas in the country include Cagayan Valley, Northern Mindanao,

“The cost of corn (production) in Region 10 (Northern Mindanao) is PHP10.05 to PHP10.20. Region 2 (Cagayan Valley) is up to PHP13.20. And Region 12 (Soccoksargen) ranges from PHP11 to PHP12,” he said in mixed English and Filipino.

Once implemented anew, the NFA has 134 newly refurbished warehouses to cater to the volume of in-

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Phivolcs setting up more monitoring stations on restive Taal Island



CALAMBA CITY (PIA)—The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) is establishing additional monitoring stations on the western side of Taal Volcano Island

(TVI) to enhance its surveillance efforts.

During the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council meeting on Monday, June 30, Paolo Reniva, Taal Volcano’s resident

volcanologist, said the new stations will improve Phivolcs’ capabilities in monitoring gas emissions, seismic activity, real-time weather, and magnetic changes to assess the volcano’s behavior.

“Our current western station is equipped with internet protocol (IP) cameras and a portable seismometer. In the coming months, we will establish another station at Daang Kastila, which will

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Bridging the digital divide: 2,655 free WiFi sites installed across Calabarzon



locations in the region since the start of the Marcos Jr. administration in 2022 under its Free Wi-Fi for All program.

According to DICT Calabarzon, it has installed a total of 2,655 free Wi-Fi sites in 965

users can access each of the free, reliable, and secure Wi-Fi connections.

“With our 2,655 free Wi-Fi sites together with the 965 locations and the speed we are

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OFW repatriation continues, shelters open as Israel alert level drops

MANILA – The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) assured the public that repatriation efforts for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Israel will continue, even as the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has lowered the conflict alert level from 3 to 2.

Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac, in a virtual press briefing on Tuesday, said the agency is committed to assisting those who wish to come home, those choosing to stay and those preparing to return to their employers.

"We know for sure na meron tayong at least 50 na na-i-shelter sa Israel. We are operating two shelters in Israel. Meron pang nakahandang dalawang shelters pero with a ceasefire that is holding, mukhang hindi na madalagadan pa ang ating stayer sa ating operated shelters (There are still two shelters but with the ceasefire that is holding, it seems that the number of occupants in our shelters would no longer increase)," Cacdac said.

DMW Undersecretary Felicitas Bay said the four government-operated shelters, including the Migrant Workers Office (MWO) shelter in Tel Aviv and two rented flats, remain open for distressed OFWs, housing at least 17 persons while standby capacity remains for up to 50 people.

In addition to shelters, nearly 300 OFWs

have received food packs, hygiene kits and direct financial aid.

"Those who were directly displaced and directly affected, and nawalan sila ng trabaho, nagbigay din po tayo ng (lost their jobs, we also provided) financial assistance onsite, equivalent to USD200," Bay said.

She also added that they regularly check on the 431 OFWs.

"In the sense na inaalam po natin ano ang kanilang kalagayan, kung sila ay may mga pangalailangan at (we check on their situation, if they need anything) how we can facilitate their return to their respective employers assuming ready na po ang employer na sila ay manumbalik sa trabaho (their employers are ready for them to return to work)," she added.

On repatriation, Bay said that 26 OFWs were repatriated on June 24, with another 31 scheduled to arrive in batches from July 2 to 5.

Additional repatriation trips are being arranged for those still choosing to return home.

Bay said 195 OFWs who initially requested repatriation are now having "second thoughts," following a ceasefire that has eased the security situation.

Bay said the DMW has already received fresh inquiries from OFWs ready to return to work.

Cacdac said under Alert Level 2, returning OFWs are now allowed to go back

capable of hosting, the technology can cater to around 254 users per access point simultaneously," Tabanao said.

The regional DICT chief added that with the use of technologies like fiber optics and copper lines, users can enjoy fast connections, which can reach 50 to 100 megabits per second in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), and up to 200 Mbps in cities and municipalities.

He emphasized that DICT identifies strategic locations for the public to benefit from the free Wi-Fi. Among these key locations are state colleges and universities (SUCs), higher education institutes (HEIs), barangay halls, health centers, and plazas.

"For the Free Wi-Fi project, we do have provisions including

geographically disadvantaged and isolated areas, Indigenous People communities in Quezon and Rizal, and those under the Smart Village, Smart Island initiatives or people in inaccessible communities."

Tabanao underscored that DICT ensures safe browsing for the public by using security measures and blocking unwanted websites like gambling and pornographic sites to prevent threats and maintain online safety.

He added that DICT to their employers in Israel if conditions permit, but new hires, including government-to-government deployed workers, re-

Calabarzon is looking forward to installing more Wi-Fi sites and lining up projects this 2025.

"DICT is planning more locations for free Wi-Fi access, especially in remote areas, to bring digitalization closer to the people, and the DICT will be felt all over Calabarzon."

One of the users, Chelsie Albay, a resident of Sta. Cruz, Laguna, shared that she used the free Wi-Fi while waiting for her daughter at school and checking her online job at the same time.

"The free Wi-Fi enables me to work and do my duty as a mother to my daughter. I can say that this initiative of the government will not only benefit me but also other people who can't afford to have their own internet connection at home."

In addition to providing free internet access in public places, the Free Wi-Fi for All program also seeks to accelerate economic, social, and educational opportunities by making internet access more affordable and accessible.

Through these initiatives, the Marcos Jr. administration is continuing to deliver an inclusive digital transformation throughout the country in line with the vision of Bagong Pilipinas. (KAPIA4A)

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coming corn supply from local farmers, alongside the expected average stock levels of rice amid the continuous rollout of the "Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na" or the sale of aging but good quality rice stocks at PHP20 per kg. to the vulnerable sector and minimum wage earners.

Legal basis

DA officials, meanwhile, said the procurement of corn has a legal basis, considering it has been part of the previous functions of the NFA.

"Nasa original charter iyan ng NFA. Hindi naman nabago iyong original charter (It's in the original charter of the NFA. The original charter has not been amended). But we are looking into that," Tiu

Laurel said.

"Historically, NFA also buys corn and may pondo sila na allocation talaga for corn. So, hindi lang palay ang binibili nila (they have funds allocated for corn. So, it's not just unhusked rice that they are buying)," De Mesa added.

The NFA, created under Presidential Decree 4 on Sept. 26, 1972, with the name National Grains Authority (NGA), previously covered the regulation, development, and promotion of the grains industry.

Under the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL), however, its functions were refocused on the acquisition, maintenance, and distribution of rice buffer stocks. (PNA)

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Cavite Holds 2nd Provincial PESO Congress in Tagaytay

Recently, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), successfully conducted the 2nd PESO Congress at Hotel Casiana and Events Center in Tagaytay City.

The event brought together 27 PESO Managers and staff from various local government units of Cavite, along with three Job Placement Officers representing DLSU-Dasmariñas, EARIST Cavite Campus, and NCST.

Demonstrating her full support for Cavite's employment initiatives, Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino attended the event and delivered an inspiring message emphasizing the province's steadfast dedication to workforce development and inclusive growth.

Highlight of the congress was the discussion of Assistant Secretary Patrick P. Patri wirawan, OIC-Assistant Secretary of DOLE-Bureau of Local Employment, who introduced the Trabaho Para sa Bayan Plan 2025–2034.

On the other hand, Ms. Anne Marie Faye M. Gloria, Senior Labor and Employment Officer of the DOLE-Cavite Provincial Office, underscored the significance of collaborative employment strategies and the need to reinforce inter-agency linkages. In the same spirit, DOLE-Cavite Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez and DOLE Region IV-A Regional Director Atty. Erwin N. Aquino expressed their unwavering support for enhancing employment facilitation efforts across the province. --- OPIO

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hindi nakakalimutan ng ating gobyerno ang ating mga bulnerable kababayan (This initiative is a big help to fellow citizens who works hard daily to feed their families. This proves that our government is mindful of our vulnerable sectors)," Assistant Secretary Irene Dumla said in a statement.

Beneficiaries may avail of the PHP20/kg. rice under the 'Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na' program in select Kadiwa ng Pangulo stores located in the National Capital Region, Central Luzon), Calabarzon, and Mimaropa.

The DSWD spokesperson said beneficiaries can also go to Kadiwa pop-up stores in Metro Manila.

Aside from the Kadiwa stores, there are also accredited non-Kadiwa outlets in Metro Manila offering rice at the same affordable price.

The DSWD reminded beneficiaries to bring valid identification for proper verification.

"For senior citizens, they need to bring their senior citizen ID; for solo parent, Solo Parent Identification Cards (SPIC); for persons with disabilities,

they need to bring their PWD ID; and the same goes to the 4Ps household beneficiaries," Dumla said.

The cheaper rice is now available in 123 sites nationwide, including 88 Kadiwa ng Pangulo centers, kiosks, stalls in public markets, local government units, and other agencies.

For the full list of Kadiwa and non-Kadiwa rice outlets, program beneficiaries may check the link: https://bit.ly/P20Rice_KadiwaStores, or visit the DA's official website. (PNA)



Cavite Elected Officials Take Oath at the Historic San Agustin Church

The newly elected officials of Cavite, led by Governor-elect Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, Vice Governor-elect Ramon Vicente "Ram" Revilla Bautista, and 7th District Congressman Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla, formally took their oaths of office in a grand ceremony at the historic Diocesan Shrine of San Agustin (Holy Cross Parish) in Tanza, Cavite on June 25, 2025.

Also sworn in were the Board Members from Cavite's eight districts, Tanza Mayor-elect Archangelo "SM" Matro, and the newly elected Municipal Councilors. The oaths were administered by distinguished officials: DILG Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla for Tanza's local officials, Prosecutor Vivian Monzon-Rojo for the Board Members, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. for Vice Governor-elect Revilla, and DOJ Secretary Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla for Congressman Ping Remulla and Governor-elect Abeng Remulla.

Prior to the formal ceremony, a Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Virgilio Mendoza, parish priest of San Agustin Church, offering prayers of guidance, thanksgiving, and hope as the new leaders prepared to begin their term of service.

Adding both solemnity and resonance to the event, the renowned Imus-icapella delivered stirring performances. Their heartfelt renditions of inspirational songs enriched the atmosphere and underscored the gravity of the officials' pledge to serve with honor and dedication.

Set against the backdrop of San Agustin Church – a revered landmark that has witnessed Cavite's rich history – the ceremony embodied a blend of solemn duty, civic pride, and shared hope for the province's future.

In their messages, Governor Abeng Remulla and Vice Governor Jolo Revilla called for servant leadership, inclusive governance, and sustained progress. Governor Remulla, representing a new generation, pledged to lead an open and proactive government that listens to all sectors and leaves no community behind. Vice Governor Revilla affirmed that public office is a sacred responsibility – to lead with integrity, serve with compassion, and act with conviction. United in vision, both leaders vowed to work with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to build a just, inclusive, and resilient Cavite for all. --- OPIO

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also host an IP camera and portable seismometer," Reniva said.

He added that additional gas sensors will be deployed to support their sulfur dioxide monitoring. He also noted their ongoing observation of rock formations around the island, which serve as indicators of magmatic activity.

"Rock formations at

Taal Volcano help us assess whether magma or internal activity is present," Reniva explained.

The Taal Volcano Observatory (TVO) currently maintains solar-powered autonomous stations equipped with state-of-the-art systems in volcano monitoring.

According to Phivolcs, All monitoring

data are acquired by TVO and transmitted to Phivolcs main office in Quezon City in real-time via internet or satellite communications.

It also serves as the regional office and resource center for the delivery of information services to various stakeholders and communities in the Calabarzon region. (PPIA4A)

Palace backs transparency in budget process

MANILA – Malacañang on Tuesday expressed support for the plan to make the bicameral budget deliberations open to the public to make the process more transparent.

“We respect the independence of the Congress pero kapag po ang pinag-usapan ay pagsasapubliko ng anumang transaksiyon patungkol sa gobyerno mas maganda po talaga na maging transparent ang bawat galaw ng taumbayan (but when it is about making any transaction involving the government public, it would be better if every move is transparent),” Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said in a press briefing.

The Development Budget Coordination Committee has set the proposed 2026 national budget at PHP6.793 trillion.

The proposed budget for 2026 is equivalent to 22 percent of the gross domestic product and 7.4 percent higher compared to the 2025

national budget of PHP6.326 trillion.

Under the Constitution, the proposed national budget must be submitted to Congress within 30 days after the President’s State of the Nation Address (SONA).

Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman earlier said the National Expenditure Program (NEP) for 2026 is expected to be turned over to Congress two weeks after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivers his fourth SONA on July 28.

The NEP is the national government’s spending plan for the next fiscal year submitted to Congress. It becomes the General Appropriations Bill (GAB) when approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The GAB will then become the General Appropriations Act (GAA) once signed into law.

Asked what the gov-

DTI chief thanks CPFI for P1 rollback in sardine prices

MANILA – Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Cristina Roque on Tuesday thanked Century Pacific Food, Inc. (CPFI) for the PHP1 rollback on the prices of its canned sardine products.

The rollback on Ligo and 555 sardine brands took effect Tuesday, which the company said was made “to ease the burden on consumers and support them during these times.”

The price cut, Roque said, is a big help in reducing consumers’ expenses.

“Patunay din ito na sinusuportahan at na-kikipagtulungan ang

pribadong sektor sa administrasyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. para matiyak na mananatiling mura ang presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin (This is proof that the private sector supports and coordinates with the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure that prices of basic goods remain affordable),” she said in a statement.

Roque assured consumers that DTI’s Fair Trade Group would monitor the market to ensure that prices of basic commodities remain stable and supply continues to be ade-



Senate plenary hall (File photo)

ernment is expecting once the NEP is submitted to Congress, Castro said Marcos is looking forward to doing “what is good for the people and for the country.”

“Tandaan po natin, muli ang gusto po ng Pangulo ay mapaganda ang buhay ng bawat Pilipino, maging mas



PGC Joins Cavite PNP's One-Day Barangay Caravan in Maragondon

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in collaboration with the Cavite Police Provincial Office, brought essential public services closer to the people of Maragondon through a medical mission conducted as part of the One-Day Barangay Caravan held on June 26, 2025 at Barangay Sta. Mercedes in Maragondon, Cavite.

With around 200 residents benefitting from the activity, the PGC’s medical and dental team provided free consultations and health services, as well as free prescribed medicines, contributing to the government’s goal of ensuring accessible healthcare, especially in underserved areas.

The impact of the caravan was significantly enhanced by the active participation of various national agencies and offices, each contributing essential services to the local community. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) facilitated National ID registration and issued vital civil registry documents, including birth, marriage,

quate.

“Patuloy na makikipagtulungan ang DTI sa lahat ng stakeholders para pangalagaan at protektahan ang kapakanan at interes ng mga consumer (The DTI will continue to cooperate with stakeholders to safeguard and protect consumer interest),” she added. (PNA)

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ang mga mahahalagang pook-pamana at anyayahan ang lahat na mamasyal at madi-skubre ang mga pinagsimulang lugar ng mga ito,” sinabi ni Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President, Communication and Stakeholder Management ng MPT South. “Layunin naming ilapit ang mga makasaysayang yaman ng Cavite sa mas maraming tao. Dahil sa mga modernong expressways tulad ng CAVITEX, mas madaли na ngayong marating ang mga lalawigan tulad ng Cavite. Sa mga ganitong programa, hindi lang natin pinapakli ang biyahe—pinatalapit din natin ang mga tao sa ating kasaysayan at kultura.”

Padagdag pa ni Capistrano. Tungkol sa MPT South Ang MPT South ay isa sa mga subsidiaryo ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ang nagpapatakbo sa madaming toll road networks sa bansa, tulad ng CALAX, CAVITEX, NLEX, SCTEX, at CCLEX.

Ang “Tara! Let’s Explore Cavite” leg ng aming Biyaheng South ay higit pa sa isang

and death certificates. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) promoted its livelihood and vocational training programs, aiming to equip residents with employable skills. Meanwhile, the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) offered job facilitation services and employment opportunities to individuals seeking livelihood support. The Philippine National Police (PNP) engaged with the community by providing legal consultations, offering free haircuts through their “Libreng Gupit” initiative, and sharing information on career opportunities within the PNP. Additionally, the event included a ceremonial turnover of medical equipment and essential medicines from Cavite PPO to the Rural Health Unit, strengthening its service capabilities. Complementing these services, the distribution of free slippers brought smiles to many residents, particularly children, highlighting the event’s commitment to both practical assistance and community well-being.

The multi-sectoral initiative exemplifies the commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite and its partners to uplift the lives of Caviteños through accessible and integrated services. The medical mission, in particular, underscores the province’s continued prioritization of health and wellness as part of its core programs.

Barangay officials and residents expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the PGC and partner agencies for bringing government services right to their doorstep, promoting community welfare and inclusive development.--- OPIO

“Tara Let’s Explore Cavite” na proyekto ng MPT South nagbalik tanaw sa kasaysayan

June 27, 2025—Ang Cavite ay nananatiling isa sa pinaka-makulay na lalawigan sa Katimugan pagdating sa kultura, kasaysayan, at mga lokal na pagkain.

Bilang bahagi ng pangako nito sa pagtataguyod ng turismo sa rehiyon, ang Biyaheng South, ang tourism advocacy program ng Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), ay inilunsad ang “Tara! Let’s Explore Cavite”; ito ay isang buong araw na heritage tour na nagdala sa mga piling kalahok sa mga kilalang simbahan, makasaysayang pook, at patok na kainan sa lalawigan. Dahil sa Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), mas madali at komportable na ngayong marating ang mga destinasyong ito mula sa Metro Manila.

Ang mga napiling kalahok ay nagsimula sa isang online raffle na isinagawa sa Biyaheng South Facebook page. Kasama nila sa tour ang mga media partners, content creators, at isang grupo ng reenactors na nagbigay-buhay sa mahahalagang tagpo sa kasaysayan ng Cavite, isang kaibang karanasang at dagdag-halaga sa buong paglalakbay.

Pagsilip sa mga Makasaysayang Simbahan ng Cavite

Nagsimula ang makasaysayang paglalakbay ng mga kalahok sa bayan ng Kawit, sa Diocesan Shrine and Parish of St. Mary Magdalene—isang simbahan na itinayo noong ikalawang siglo at kinikilalang

isa sa mga pinakamatanda sa Pilipinas. Dito matatagpuan ang milagrosong imahe ni Santa Maria Magdalena, na siyang patron ng bayan. Bukod sa kahalagahan nito sa pananampalataya, dito rin bininyagan si General Emilio Aguinaldo, ang unang Pangulo ng Pilipinas.

Paano makarating sa Kawit: Mula Metro Manila, dumaan sa CAVITEX at lumabas sa Marulas Exit. Pagkatapos ng ilang minutong biyahe ay mararating na ang simbahan.

Mula Kawit, nagtungo ang grupo sa Diocesan Shrine of Saint Augustine and Parish of the Holy Cross sa Tanza. Kung si Santa Maria Magdalena ang pinararangalan sa Kawit, si San Agustin naman ang patron ng Tanza. Matapos magpunta sa nasabing simbahan, pumunta naman ang mga Ka-Biyahero sa Sta. Cruz Convent Museum, isang maliit na museo na naglalaman ng mga relihiyosong antigong gamit, alaala, at sining na nagpapakita ng mayamang pananampalataya at kultura ng Tanza.

Paano makarating sa Tanza: Mula Metro Manila, dumaan sa CAVITEX mula Roxas Boulevard, dumireso sa Centennial Road patungo sa Tanza.

Pagkatapos sa Tanza, nagtungo ang grupo sa bayan ng General Trias upang masilayan ang St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church—isang simbahan na kilala sa matatag nitong



arkitekturang kolonyal na nanatiling buo sa paglipas ng panahon.

Paano makarating sa General Trias: Mula Metro Manila, dumaan sa CAVITEX sa pamamagitan ng Roxas Boulevard, at sundan ang Centennial Road papunta sa General Trias.

Pagbabalik-Tanaw sa Rebolusyonaryong Kasaysayan ng Cavite

Pagkatapos bumisita ng grupo sa mga makasaysayang simbahan, pumunta ang grupo sa Café Antix sa Cavite City para mananghalian. Sa makulay at retro-inspired na ambiance ng café, inihain ang mga pagkaing lokal na may modern twist.

Matapos ang tanghalian, ipinagpatuloy ng grupo ang heritage tour sa mga makasay-

sayang lugar sa Cavite City. Una nilang binisita ang Ladislao Diwa Shrine, ang pinangalagaang ancestral home ni Don Ladislao Diwa, isa sa mga nagtataugtong ng Katipunan. Dahil sa kanyang mahalagang papel sa Rebolusyon Pilipino, idineklara ng National Historical Institute (NHI) ang bahay niya bilang pambansang dambana o national shrine—isang pagkilala sa kanyang kontribusyon sa ating kalayaan.

Sumunod naman dito ay ang Plaza De Armas, o 13 Martyrs Monument, isang tahanan ngunit makapangyarihang alaala sa labintatlong Caviteñong binitay ng mga Kastila noong Setyembre 12, 1896 dahil sa umano'y pakikilahok sa rebolusyon. Matapos nito, dumaan sila sa Samonte Park, isang bukas na espasyo kung saan madalas magsayal at magpahinga ang mga taga-lungsod. Isa sa mga pinakahihintay na bahagi ng tour ay ang pagbisita sa Fort San Felipe, isang makasaysayang lugar na nasa loob mismo ng Naval Base ng Philippine Navy sa Cavite. Itinayo ito ng mga Kastila noong 1609 at nagsilbing pangunahing tanggulan laban sa mga pirata at dayuhang mananakop.

Binigyan ang mga Ka-Biyaheros ng exclusive tour sa loob ng lugar kung saan si la'y naglakad sa mga lumang pasilyo at batong patio na misitulang bumabalik sa mga panahon ng kolonya.

Nagtapos ang araw sa isang guided tour sa loob ng bagong ga-

wang Cavite City Hall. Bukod sa tungkulin pang-pamahalaan, isa na rin itong sentro ng kultura ng komunidad na sumasalamin sa pangarap ng lungsod para sa mas inklusibong pag-unlad. Sa likod ng city hall, matatagpuan ang Unlad Cavite Pier, isang baywalk-style na destinasyon kung saan tanaw ang magandang tanawin ng Manila Bay. Dito, nagkaroon ng pagkakataon ang mga kalahok na magpahinga at namnamin ang sariwang simoy ng hangin sa dagat. Katabi naman nito ang bagong tayong amphitheater—isang bukas na espasyo para sa mga pagtatanghal, kultural na programa, at pagtitipon ng komunidad. Paano makarating sa Cavite City: Mula Metro Manila, dumaan sa CAVITEX mula Roxas Boulevard, at lumabas sa Marulas Exit patungong Tirola Highway. Pagkakalpas ng Aguinaldo Shrine, kumanan sa Magdiwang Highway papuntang Tabon. Pagdating sa Jollibee Noveleta, kumanan muli—mula roon, ilang minuto na lang at makararating na sa Cavite City proper.

“Malalim ang aming paniniwala na ang pamana ay dapat aktibong maranasan at hindi lamang alalahinan. Ang Cavite ay isang probinsyang maraming kwento na malaki ang naging impluwensya sa kasaysayan ng ating bansa. Nais ng Biyaheng South’s ‘Tara! Let’s Explore Cavite’ na parangalan at ilawan

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PH to join ASEAN Climbing Championships in Malaysia

MANILA – The Philippines will join the ASEAN Climbing Championships set July 4 to 6 in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

The tournament, organized by the Malaysia Mountaineering Federation, features the region's best in lead, boulder and speed disciplines.

The Philippine team scheduled to leave Thursday, is composed of John Veloria, Yca Dizon, Ylo Dizon, Pets Suson, Liana Mora, Iman Mora, Jo Ala, Gianna Quintela, Gerardo Acebedo, Lissa Vidal, Johnny Forones and Ninio Tabanao.

Yca Dizon will join all three disciplines; Forones is entered in boulder and speed; and Acebedo will compete in speed. The rest are entered in lead and boulder.

"We look forward to competing and winning the gold and not just showing up," Alberto Agra, president of the Pilipinas Climbing, Inc. (PCI), said during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex conference hall in Manila on Tuesday (July 1, 2025). He is joined by (from left) coach Miel Pahati, 2011 Indonesia Southeast Games boulder gold medalist Ina Pahati, PCI chair Franz Lim, and athletes Yca Dizon and John Veloria. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

Philipine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission.



After Malaysia, the Filipino climbers will join a boot camp in Singapore next month.

"We are using the ASEAN Climbing Championships to gauge the skills of our athletes. The focus is on the SEA (Southeast Asian) Games in Thailand in December. We want to perform well there," PCI auditor Ina Pahati, who won the boulder gold at the 2011 Indonesia SEA Games, said.

Sport climbing is included in the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

"We can be world class in this sport," PCI chair

Franz Lim said, adding they want to promote the sport for everyone, including for differently-abled.

"This is for everyone. The main challenge is sustainability, that's why I hope the POC accepts us as member and then the PSC for funding," Agra said.

Competitive sport climbing is performed on artificial structures, and is divided into three events: speed (racing side by side to get to the top of 15-meter walls); lead (climbing walls as high as possible on a limited time); and bouldering (climbing short and challenging routes known as problems).

There are 24 climbing gyms nationwide, Agra said. (PNA)

Agra, who also serves as obstacle federation president, said the PCI is already recognized by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFCP) and is in the process of seeking regular membership in the Phil-

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In the Senior Division, the Office of the Provincial Engineer secured the championship title, followed by the Office of the Provincial Governor as first runner-up. The Office of the Provincial General Services Officer finished as second runner-up, while the Office of the Provincial Health Officer took the third runner-up spot. Mr. Glenn Villanueva of the Office of the Provincial Engineer was awarded as the Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance throughout the tournament.

Meanwhile, in the Junior Division, the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan was crowned champion. The combined team of OPDRRMO, OPHRMO, OPIO, and OPPDC earned the first runner-up position. The Office of the Provincial Governor came in as second runner-up, and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer followed as third runner-up. Mr. Mark Anthony Agno from the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan was recognized as the Most Valuable Player for his exceptional gameplay and leadership.

The championship not only highlighted athletic excellence but also promoted unity and wellness among PGC employees. This annual event continues to serve as a celebration of teamwork, healthy competition, and public service pride.--- OPIO